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Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke speaks to supporters before the Iowa Democratic Party's Liberty and Justice Celebration, Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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O'Rourke says he's 'reluctantly' dropping presidential bid

By W. WEISSERT/J. PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beto O'Rourke, the former Texas congressman, announced Friday that he was ending

his Democratic presidential campaign, which failed to recapture the enthusiasm, interest and fundraising prowess of his 2018 Senate race.

Addressing supporters in Iowa, O'Rourke said he made the decision "reluctantly" and vowed to stay active in the fight to defeat President Donald Trump. "I

will be part of this and so will you," he said. O'Rourke was urged to run for president by many Democrats, including supporters of former President Barack

Obama, who were energized by his narrow Senate loss last year in Texas, a reliably Republican state.

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Trump says Chad Wolf to be next acting DHS secretary

By JILL COLVIN and COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Friday said Chad Wolf, a longtime Homeland Security official, would be the new acting head of the department, the fifth person in the job for this administration. But Trump's casual announcement, made in response to a reporter's question outside the White House, temporarily created more uncertainty about who was in charge of the sprawling department.

There have been weeks of speculation over whom would be named the next leader, and Kevin McAleenan, the current acting secretary, has agreed to stay on temporarily. The department initially wouldn't confirm Wolf was next in line, saying only that McAleenan was acting secretary. When a reporter asked Trump directly whether Wolf was to be the next DHS secretary, the president responded, "He's acting, and we'll see what happens." White House



In this Oct. 29, 2019 photo, Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary Chad Wolf speaks during a meeting of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF), in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, on the White House complex in Washington.

spokesman Hogan Gidley later clarified. "As the president has said, Kevin McAleenan has done a tremendous job. He'll be leaving after Veterans' Day and after he departs, Chad Wolf will serve as acting secretary in the interim," Gidley told reporters. The

elevation of Wolf, who has served in Democratic and Republican administrations, is likely to disappoint immigration hardliners and perhaps Trump himself. The White House had been trying to work around rules that prevented Trump from promoting several political allies to at least temporarily run the agency that carries

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out U.S. immigration policies.

Wolf was chief of staff to former DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen. He has been involved with the 240,000-person department off and on since its creation following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Wolf worked with Nielsen through many of the ad-

ministration's most challenging immigration issues but left as her chief of staff to take on another role within Homeland Security before she resigned in April. He was nominated earlier this year to a Senate-confirmed position as Under Secretary of the department's Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans. That nomination has not been yet confirmed. He is described by some colleagues as a knowledgeable and widely respected member of the department who can carry on the president's agenda. But he was not initially discussed as a successor.

For weeks, various factions have been looking for legal blocks and workarounds as they sparred over who was eligible to succeed McAleenan. Federal vacancy rules that place restrictions on the position had been thought to bar immigration hardliner Ken Cuccinelli, currently the acting head of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Mark Morgan, the current acting commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, from taking the job. □

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Ivanka Trump to promote women's prosperity in Morocco

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ivanka Trump is getting ready to promote her women's economic development program on an upcoming trip to Morocco.

It will be her third overseas trip this year to promote the Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative, which was launched in February to benefit women in developing countries. President Donald Trump's daughter and senior adviser will visit the North African country in early November, the White House said.

In a statement to The Associated Press, Ivanka Trump said the kingdom of Morocco is a valued U.S. ally that has "taken strides" under King Mohammed VI to promote gender equality. In August, she tweeted her



Ivanka Trump speaks to open a meeting of the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF), in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, on the White House complex, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, in Washington.

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support to the Moroccan government after it began the process of amending its inheritance laws, which say women should receive half as much as men.

Ivanka Trump will travel with Sean Cairncross, CEO of

the Millennium Challenge Corp., an independent U.S. foreign aid agency that provides grants to developing countries to help promote economic growth, reduce poverty and strengthen institutions. □

Utility re-energized power line before fire

By JOHN ANTCZAK

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Southern California Edison said Friday that it re-energized a 16,000-volt power line minutes before a nearby hilltop exploded into a blaze that is threatening thousands of homes.

SCE and other utilities cut off power this week to hundreds of thousands of Californians to prevent windstorms from knocking down or fouling lines and sparking devastating fires.

As the winds eased in most locations, SCE began restoring power. It was re-energizing a circuit 13 minutes before a fire erupted nearby on a hilltop northeast of Los Angeles, the utility told state regulators.

Erratic winds continued to bedevil firefighting efforts Friday at the Maria Fire, which has burned some 13 ½ square miles, threatens about 1,800 homes and other buildings, and prompted evacuation orders for nearly 11,000 people.

Eastern Ventura, Camarillo, Somis and Santa Paula were at risk, Ventura County fire officials said.

SCE said it had no information about the actual cause of the fire but will cooperate with investigators.

The fire began during what had been expected to be the tail end of a siege of Santa Ana winds that fanned destructively across the region, but a tug-of-war developed between those offshore gusts and the return of some onshore flow from the ocean.

"It has been an uphill battle ever since," Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen told a midday news conference. "We are finding that the winds are starting to change and that presents its own challenges all by itself."

Wind shifts expose new areas of fuel to the fire, bringing "a pretty significant fire-fight," he said.

The fire burned down the sides of a mountain bordered by agricultural land, the small city of Santa Paula and other communities. Airplanes tried to

flank it with long drops of retardant while helicopters dropped loads of water. Red Flag warnings for gusts and very low humidity levels had been expected to expire Friday evening but forecasters extended them to 6 p.m. Saturday for valleys and interior mountains of Ventura and Los Angeles counties, citing the withering conditions.

"As recent fire activity has shown, this remains a dangerous environment for fire growth, even with weaker winds than earlier this week," the National Weather Service wrote. Elsewhere, the state was free of fire weather warnings and only a few hundred utility customers were awaiting restoration of power that was shut off to wide areas in an attempt to prevent blazes involving electrical equipment and strong winds.

In Northern California, more people were allowed to return to areas evacuated due to the huge Kincade Fire burning for days in the Sonoma County wine country.

The 121-square-mile (313-square-kilometer) fire was 67% contained, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

The tally of destroyed homes reached 167 and there were 33 more damaged, Cal Fire said. Many other structures also burned.

Historic, dry winds prompted the state's largest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., to initiate four rounds of widespread pre-emptive shut-offs in Northern California this month to prevent wildfires.

But the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District pegged the utility's equipment as the cause of three smaller fires that cropped up Sunday in the San Francisco Bay Area suburbs of Martinez and Lafayette.

And while the cause of the Kincade Fire hasn't been determined, PG&E reported a problem with a transmission tower near the spot where the fire started.

Utility spokesperson Ari

Vanrenen said Friday they are "cooperating with the investigations into the recent fires and will continue to respond to requests for documents and other information related to those investigations."

In Los Angeles, the last remaining evacuations were lifted in Brentwood, where a fire that erupted near The Getty Center arts complex roared into ridgeline and canyon neighborhoods and destroyed eight expensive homes.

In eastern Ventura County, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library reopened to the public after being forced to shut down Wednesday as a wind-driven wildfire swirled around the hilltop facility. □



An air tanker drops retardant as the Maria Fire approaches Santa Paula, Calif., on Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

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Supporters for Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke react while waiting for him to speak before the Iowa Democratic Party's Liberty and Justice Celebration, Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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He raised a record \$80 million from donors across the country, visited every county in Texas and used social media and livestreaming video to engage directly with voters. He ultimately lost to incumbent Republican Sen. Ted Cruz by 3 percentage points.

But O'Rourke, 47, struggled to replicate that model in the presidential primary, and both his polling and his fundraising dwindled significantly in recent months. "We have to clearly see, at this point, that we did not have the means to pursue this campaign successfully and that my service will not be as a candidate, nor as a nominee of this party for the presidency," O'Rourke said.

O'Rourke's decision comes as the Democratic primary enters a critical stretch. With three months until the kickoff Iowa caucuses, polls consistently show a trio of candidates leading the

way: former Vice President Joe Biden, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, with Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, showing strength in Iowa, as well. Lower polling candidates face difficult questions about whether they have the money to sustain a campaign through the first primary contests.

Earlier this week, Kamala Harris, another candidate who entered the race to much fanfare, announced she was downscaling her campaign, laying off some staffers and reorienting almost exclusively to focus on Iowa.

O'Rourke entered the race as the feel-good, dynamic candidate who had the ability to appeal to both Republicans and Democrats and work across the aisle in Washington.

But he immediately faced criticism that he had a sense of entitlement, particularly after the release

of a Vanity Fair interview on the eve of his campaign launch in which he appeared to say he was "born" to be in presidential politics.

He spent several weeks trying to build his campaign around climate change, calling global warming the greatest existential threat the country had ever faced. But as the excitement over his candidacy began to fade, O'Rourke was forced to stage a "re-introduction" of his campaign to reinvigorate it. After a gunman opened fire at a Walmart in his hometown of El Paso, killing 22 people, O'Rourke more heavily embraced gun control, saying he would take assault weapons away from existing owners. As O'Rourke's standing in the presidential primary plummeted, some Democrats urged him to return to Texas for another Senate run. He has repeatedly denied having any interest in that race. □

Lawyer indicates Bolton won't testify in impeachment probe

By MARK SHERMAN

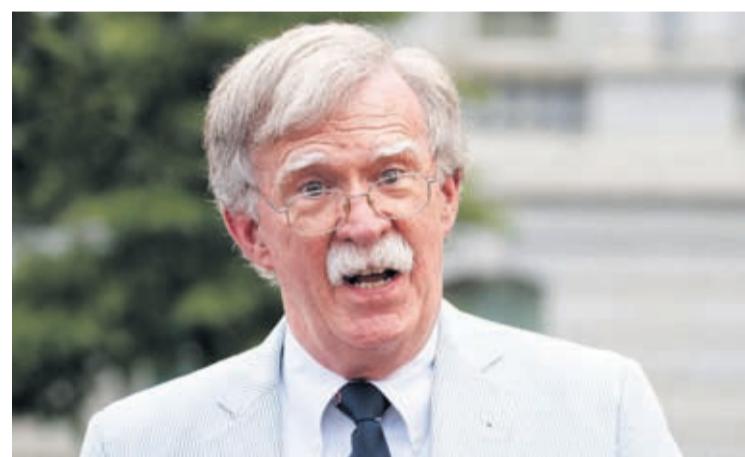
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The lawyer for former national security adviser John Bolton signaled Thursday that Bolton will not testify anytime soon in the House impeachment inquiry.

Democratic lawmakers want to hear next week from Bolton over the administration's approach to Ukraine that is central to House proceedings that could lead to the impeachment of President Donald Trump.

Charles Cooper, Bolton's lawyer, was in federal court Thursday on behalf of another client whose testimony the House also wants.

The client is former Bolton deputy Charles Kupperman, who wants a federal judge to resolve whether he can be forced to testify since he was a close adviser to Trump. Cooper said Bolton could be add-



In this July 31, 2019 file photo, National security adviser John Bolton speaks to media at the White House in Washington.

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ed to the case, which is before U.S. District Judge Richard Leon. Cooper has previously said that Bolton would not testify voluntarily. A House-issued subpoena would put him in the exact same situation as Kupperman. Leon first brought up Bolton, asking whether adding him to the case would cause any delays. Leon said he hopes to issue a ruling by late December.

Cooper said there would be no delay since the legal issue would be the same, whether a small circle of the president's advisers are "absolutely immune" from having to testify.

Kupperman went to federal court because he "is in a basic Catch-22," summoned to testify by the House and forbidden to do so by the White House, Cooper said. □

Groups ask California governor to deter parolee deportations

By DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Immigrant rights groups called Friday for Gov. Gavin Newsom to end policies they say ease the transfer of prison inmates to federal authorities despite California's efforts to provide a sanctuary to those who are in the country illegally.

The groups asked Newsom to stop prison officials from holding parolees until they can be picked up by federal immigration officials.

And they criticized him for vetoing legislation that would have barred private security companies from coming onto prison grounds to pick up immigrants for deportation.

California passed a law in 2017 barring local and state agencies from co-operating with federal immigration authorities over those who have committed certain crimes, mostly misdemeanors, but critics said it doesn't apply to the state prison system.

Corrections spokesman Jeffrey Callison said the department notifies law enforcement agencies of inmates' release dates if the agency files a detainer. If agents show up with an arrest warrant, the inmate is released into their custody.

Many states cooperate with the Trump administration's crackdown on immigrants, but a federal judge last year supported California's sanctuary law.

Newsom has pardoned several Southeast Asian refugees in an effort to keep them from being deported, but groups including the Asian Prisoner Support Committee and Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus say he should do more.

His office did not comment despite repeated requests. Cambodian refugee Bo-rey Ai told about 100 supporters rallying at the state Capitol that he was paroled in 2016 only to be immediately detained by immigration agents for another 18 months, until Cambodia refused to ac-



Immigration advocates rally, calling on Gov. Gavin Newsom to end policies they say encourage the deportation of parolees, at the California Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

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cept him. The California Supreme Court last year took the rare step of blocking former Gov. Jerry Brown's attempt to pardon Ai, who killed a woman when he was 14 years old.

"I'm still in that limbo stage," he said, and could be deported any day.

Ai said he was once a cellmate with Cambodian refugee Tith Ton, who at age 16 killed a rival gang member and has served 22 years in prison.

He was recommended for parole in July, though Newsom has not yet decided whether to block his release.

"I've seen Tith transform his life," Ai said. "He's being punished again" if he is deported after serving his time.

Democratic Assemblyman Ash Kalra of San Jose said he was puzzled by Newsom's veto of his bill blocking private companies from picking up paroled immigrants whom he said "have served their time." Newsom said the bill might interfere with prison operations, but Kalra said the

state should not allow the federal government to use

"private contractors that all for their behavior." □ have no accountability at

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AP-NORC poll: More support than oppose impeachment probe

By HANNAH FINGERHUT
and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Americans approve of the impeachment investigation into President Donald Trump than disapprove of it, though only about a third say the inquiry should be a top priority for Congress, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

That solid, if measured, support serves as a warning sign for Trump's White House and reelection campaign, which have insisted that pursuing impeachment will end up being a vulnerability for Democrats heading into 2020.

But the findings present some red flags for Democrats, too: More people say House members are motivated mainly by politics rather than by duty as they investigate the Republican president's dealings with Ukraine and whether he abused his office or compromised national security when he tried to pressure the country to dig up dirt on a political rival.

And assessments of the president's performance generally have remained remarkably stable even as the investigation has unfolded at a rapid clip.

Overall, 47% said they support the impeachment inquiry, while 38% disapprove.

Still, 53% of Americans think



House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., second from right, speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019. Schiff is joined by, from left, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., House Oversight and Government Reform Committee acting chair Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., House Democratic Caucus Chairman Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel, D-N.Y.

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the House is acting mainly on a political motivation to challenge Trump's presidency. That compares with fewer, 43%, who say it's acting more in good faith on its responsibility to investigate the executive branch.

Like most assessments of Trump and Washington, views of impeachment are starkly polarized.

A vast majority of Democrats approve of the inquiry, including 68% who strongly approve.

Among them is Sandra Shrewsbury, 70, who lives in Greencastle, Indiana. She said that Trump's impeachment is long overdue.

"I am really concerned about our country if this does not stop," she said of Trump's time in office.

She voiced concerns that Trump doesn't have the temperament to be the nation's commander in chief and is doing serious damage to the country's standing.

She was relieved, she said, that after months of hemming and hawing, impeachment proceedings were finally underway.

"I was getting very frustrated with Congress and those investigating because I felt like they were just dragging their heels," she said. "I wish

they'd stop worrying about getting reelected themselves and get down to the business they're supposed to be doing. ... We pay them to do this job."

"They should have done it a long time, a way long time ago," agreed Monica Galindo, 32, who lives in Camilla, Georgia.

It's another story among Republicans, who overwhelmingly disapprove of the inquiry, including 67% who do so strongly.

"I think it's garbage," said Sara Palmer, 42, a staunch Trump supporter who lives in Pocatello, Idaho, and accused Democrats of wast-

ing time and money trying to take down Trump when there are far more important things they should be doing for the country.

"I mean come on!" she said.

"There's nothing there. ... He didn't do anything wrong."

That's a sentiment shared by a majority, 64%, of Republicans. Yet even among members of Trump's party, a modest share think he did do something wrong. About a quarter, 28%, think he did something unethical, while 8% think he broke the law. The public overall has mixed views of whether the president committed any wrongdoing. Most say his interactions with the president of Ukraine were at least unethical. That includes about 4 in 10 who think he did something illegal. About another 3 in 10 think what he did was unethical but not illegal.

Trump has insisted he did nothing wrong.

But nearly all Democrats think the president crossed a line, including roughly 7 in 10 who say that he broke the law.

Still, not all Democrats think the inquiry should be Congress' top priority. A quarter think it should be an important but lower priority, and 1 in 10 say it should not be an important priority at all. And while most Democrats support the inquiry, 27% think the House is acting mainly on political motivation to challenge Trump's presidency. □



In this Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019, file photo, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt speaks at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa, Okla.

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma will release more than 400 inmates after a state panel on Friday approved what officials say is the largest single-

day mass commutation in U.S. history.

The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board unanimously approved the commutations, and Gov. Kevin Stitt

Oklahoma parole board OKs largest-ever U.S. mass commutation

said his office would process the recommendations for final approval.

The board considered 814 cases and recommended 527 inmates for commutation. However, 65 are being held on detainers, leaving 462 inmates to be released on Monday.

"This event is another mark on our historic timeline as we move the needle in criminal justice reform, and my administration remains committed to work-

ing with Oklahomans to pursue bold change that will offer our fellow citizens a second chance while also keeping our communities and streets safe," Stitt said in a statement.

Voters approved a state question in 2016 that made simple drug possession and low-level property crimes misdemeanors instead of felonies. Stitt signed a bill earlier this year that applied those sentences retroactively.

Releasing the inmates will save Oklahoma an estimated \$11.9 million over the cost of continuing to keep them behind bars, according to the governor's office.

Pardon and Parole board head Steve Bickley says the mass release is the most on one day since former President Barack Obama commuted the drug sentences of 330 federal prisoners on his last day in office. □

Storms kill 2, knock out power, downs trees on East Coast

By WILSON RING

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Storms that began on Halloween killed at least two people, caused flooding, downed trees and power lines and damaged homes across the Northeast on Friday.

By Friday afternoon, the number of people without power in the Northeast was starting to creep down, but still more than 450,000 customers were without electricity. In some areas it could be days before all power is restored.

A man who was injured when a tree fell on his van later died, Tennessee officials said Friday. In New York, Thomas Connery, an 82-year-old Catholic priest from Glenville, died Thursday night after he got out of his car on a flooded road and was swept away, authorities said.

In a New York City suburb, a 9-year-old girl was injured on Halloween when she was hit by a falling tree while trick or treating. Another person was injured when a tornado touched down in Pennsylvania.

A tornado with winds of 111 to 135 miles per hour (180 to 220 kilometers per hour) tore through Glen Mills, a Delaware County suburb of Philadelphia, the National Weather Service confirmed. Local officials say that at least two dozen homes were damaged and one person was injured. Investigators are still evaluating whether tornadoes touched down elsewhere in the state.

By mid-afternoon Friday almost 75,000 homes and businesses were without electricity across Pennsylvania. In the western part of the state, storms caused flooding, mudslides and road closures. High winds Friday morning caused a car fire to spread to other vehicles in a hotel parking lot in Harmar Township, leaving six cars damaged, officials said.

WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh

posted a video of a small school bus driving through floodwaters Thursday after a line of heavy rain came through a suburban neighborhood. The video showed water reaching above the headlights and near the hood of the bus, which the school district said was carrying students. The bus company told the station the driver was fired as a result. A message seeking comment was left with the bus company, ABC Transit.

Almost 147,000 customers were without power in New York state after a night of heavy rain and wind gusts of up to 70 mph (110 kph). Gov. Andrew Cuomo told Spectrum News on Friday that several hundred people were evacuated in scattered areas around the state because of high waters. In the central New York village of Dolgeville, police used a boat to rescue people from a home. The Buffalo area, meanwhile, saw flash flooding after 4 to 5 inches (10 to 13 centimeters) of rain.

In the Adirondacks, a state of emergency was declared in Essex County. Early voting for next week's elections was called off Friday in some communities, small bridges were closed because of rising water, and many schools canceled classes.

The weather also led to the cancellation of the opening session of the luge national championships at Mount Van Hoevenberg in Lake Placid. USA Luge said Saturday's races were on schedule.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Conor Lahiff in Burlington, Vermont, said the amount of rainfall in some parts of northeastern New York and northern Vermont was almost double what had been forecast. "We knew there would be rivers to come up because we had saturated soils," said Lahiff.

Electric utilities across the Northeast were busy restor-



In this photo provided by the New York State Governor's Office, a first responder carries a young girl to safety after she was rescued from a house being flooded by rising waters of the East Canada Creek, Friday, Nov. 1, 2019 in Dolgeville, N.Y.

Associated Press

ing service to hundreds of thousands of customers who lost power in the storm. The Maine Emergency Management Agency warned that some residents will likely be in the dark into the weekend following winds that topped 70 mph (110 kph) in the coastal town of Castine.

The howling wind downed trees, damaged homes and temporarily shut down the only two roads of Castine.

Will Cosgrove, an owner of The Manor Inn, said the wind knocked over a sign, ripped away shingles and rearranged outdoor furniture. The building shook and windows rattled.

"It was kind of 'knock-you-over' wind. It rattled the bones of the building," he said of the building constructed in 1893. "It whistled and rattled all night long." The state's largest utility, Central Maine Power, is getting help from crews for other utilities, including some in Canada, and is trying to line up even more help, but is struggling because there's damage all over the region.

In Orono, Maine, the state's flagship university was again without power after coping with major outages during the October storm.

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Some autistic youths detained in UK in "horrific" conditions

By MARIA CHENG

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British Parliamentary committee says some young people with autism or learning disabilities are being detained under "horrific" conditions and has called for an urgent overhaul of the medical system overseeing their treatments.

In a report issued Friday, the Joint Committee on Human Rights said it heard "grim" evidence about how young people with disabilities or autism were being held, calling those detentions "often inappropriate." The panel said it has "lost confidence that the system is doing what it says it is doing" and said the mental health regulator's approach "is not working."

"This inquiry has shown with stark clarity the urgent change that is needed," committee chair Harriet Harman said.

"What we saw does not fit our society's image of itself as one which cares for the vulnerable and respects everyone's human rights."

The panel described one particularly distressing episode from the mother of a young man with learning



In this file photo dated Monday, May 18, 2015, British main opposition Labour Party lawmaker Harriet Harman speaks during a press conference at their party headquarters in London.

Associated Press

disabilities. "He had his arm broken in a restraint," the mother, Julie Newcombe, told the committee. "His arm was wrenched up behind his back until the bone snapped."

She added that her son was not taken for emergency treatment until 24 hours later.

Another young man with learning disabilities, identified only as Witness A, said staff frequently restrained him by twisting his hand "in

places it should not go." He said he was often thrown into his "cell" and was required to notify staff when he needed to use the bathroom.

Another mother said her son, who has serious anxiety problems, was kept in isolation for up to nine hours at a time.

"He started to bang his head against the wall and would bite the wood in the door frame out of desperation," the unidentified wom-

an said.

Harman and her colleagues called for criteria within Britain's Mental Health Act to be narrowed to avoid inappropriate cases of detention.

They also recommended a unit with a leader in the prime minister's Cabinet to drive the medical practice reforms and safeguard the human rights of young people with autism or learning disabilities.

According to Britain's Na-

tional Autistic Society, there has been a 24% rise in people with autism being admitted to mental health hospitals since 2015.

Dr. Andrew Molodynski, the mental health policy expert for the British Medical Association, called the treatment documented by the panel "barbaric and cruel." "There are dark corners of the health service that are breeding harsh and abusive cultures," he said.

Molodynski called for urgent changes, including proper training for all staff working in psychiatric facilities and for authorities to make sure that patients are treated close to home.

Ian Trenholm, chief executive of the Care Quality Commission, which oversees health and social services in England, defended his agency's actions, saying many of the recommendations made by the committee were already in place. But he acknowledged more needed to be done. "We know we need to improve how we regulate mental health, learning disability and autism services so we can get better at spotting poor care," he said in a statement. □

UN confirms Madrid as new location for climate summit



A backhoe drives at the site that was going to be the venue for the COP25 UN climate summit at the Cerrillos Bicentennial Park in Santiago, Chile, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019.

Associated Press

By FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The United Nations global climate meeting next month will take place in Madrid after previous host Chile canceled at short notice, officials said Friday.

U.N. climate chief Patricia

Espinosa said representatives of the body that organizes the annual conference had accepted Spain's offer to host it in the country's capital Dec. 2-13. Chilean President Sebastián Piñera had announced Wednesday that he was cancelling plans to host the

meeting, as well as a summit of Asia-Pacific leaders, to focus on restoring security in his country following weeks of protests in which at least a dozen people have died.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez's office offered to step in at short notice Thursday, sending delegates from around the world scrambling to change their travel plans. Sánchez, who is facing a national election on Nov. 10, celebrated Friday's decision. "Excellent news: Madrid will host the global climate meeting from Dec. 2-13. Spain is already at work to guarantee its staging of COP25. Our government firmly keeps its commitment to lasting progress and a just ecological transition," Sánchez wrote on Twitter. Among those

who were planning to attend the conference in Chile was Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, whose climate protests have helped inspire tens of thousands of mostly young people to take to the streets demanding greater efforts from world leaders.

The teenager made a high-profile crossing from England to New York by sailboat earlier this year and planned to travel overland to Santiago to speak at the meeting. Thunberg refuses to fly because of aviation's big carbon footprint.

After the move to Madrid was confirmed Friday, Thunberg appealed for help. "It turns out I've traveled half around the world, the wrong way," she tweeted. "Now I need to find a way to cross the Atlantic in November..." she added.

"If anyone could help me find transport I would be so grateful." Thunberg voiced regret about not being able to visit Central and South America as planned, saying she had been looking forward to doing so.

"But this is of course not about me, my experiences or where I wish to travel. We're in a climate and ecological emergency," she said. It wasn't immediately clear on what scale the conference will be held in Madrid. Last year's climate conference in Katowice, Poland, was attended by more than 20,000 people. The 25th Conference of the Parties, or COP25, is meant to work out some of the remaining unresolved issue on the rules that countries have to follow in their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. □



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Brexit Party wants to team up with Tories; Johnson says no

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Nigel Farage, the minor-party leader who played a major role in Britain's decision to leave the European Union, is trying to throw his weight around again in the U.K.'s Brexit-dominated election. Farage on Friday piled the pressure on British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, saying his Brexit Party will run against Johnson's Conservatives across the country in the Dec. 12 early election unless Johnson abandons his divorce deal with the EU. Farage spoke a day after U.S. President Donald Trump barged into the British election campaign, urging his friend Farage to make an electoral pact with Johnson's Conservatives. Trump told Farage on the Euroskeptic politician's own radio phone-in show Thursday that he and Johnson would be "an unstoppable force."

Johnson on Friday gently rebuffed Trump's suggestion and ruled out an electoral pact with Farage. "If I may respectfully say to all our friends around the world ... the only way to get this thing done is to vote for us," Johnson told ITV News. "If you vote for any other party, the risk is you'll just get Jeremy Corbyn, the Labour Party, dither and delay."

All 650 seats in the House of Commons are up for grabs in the election that is coming more than two years early, with winners to be chosen by Britain's 46 million voters. If the Brexit Party runs in only a small number of seats, that would help



Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage speaks to the media as he launches his party's manifesto ahead of the upcoming General Election, in London, Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

the Conservatives, who are vying with Farage for the support of Brexit-backing voters.

Farage's party, which was founded earlier this year, rejects Johnson's Brexit deal, preferring to leave the bloc with no agreement on future relations in what it calls a "clean-break" Brexit. It holds seats in the European Union's legislature but has none so far in Britain's Parliament.

Launching the Brexit Party's election campaign on Friday, Farage said Johnson's deal "is not Brexit" because it would mean continuing to follow some EU rules and holding years of negotiations on future relations.

"Boris tells us this is a great new deal. It is not. It is a bad old treaty. And simply, it is not Brexit," Farage said. Farage, who played a key role in the 2016 campaign

for Britain to leave the EU, said if Johnson agreed to abandon his deal, the Brexit Party would form a "non-aggression pact" with the Conservatives, standing aside from running against them in many areas.

"I believe the only way to solve this is to build a 'leave' alliance across this country," Farage said. "If it was done, Boris Johnson would win a very big majority."

Farage warned that if Johnson rejects the offer, "we will contest every single seat in England, Scotland and Wales."

He said Johnson needs to make up his mind before the nominations for candidates close on Nov. 14.

On the U.K. radio show Thursday, Trump called Johnson "fantastic" but also undermined him by claiming that "certain aspects" of the prime minister's EU

divorce agreement would make it impossible for Britain to do a trade deal with the U.S.

The ability to strike new trade agreements around the world is seen by Brexit supporters as one of the key advantages of leaving the EU. Most economists, though, say trade deals with the U.S. and other countries are unlikely to compensate for Britain's reduced commerce with the EU, which currently accounts for half of U.K. trade. Forecasters say a no-deal Brexit would have an even more severe effect on the U.K. economy and would hurt EU nations as well.

Purist Brexiteers such as Farage dislike the Brexit agreement struck by Johnson — as they did a previous effort by his predecessor Theresa May — because it keeps the U.K. bound by EU rules and

financial obligations for up to three years while a new trade relationship is negotiated. The terms would also see Northern Ireland bound by EU trade and customs rules indefinitely to avoid checks on the border with EU member Ireland that could undermine both the regional economy and peace in Northern Ireland. The prime minister sought this early election to break the political impasse over Britain's stalled departure from the EU.

Johnson had promised for months that the U.K. would leave the 28-nation bloc on the scheduled date of Oct. 31 "come what may." He struck a divorce deal with the EU last month, but Parliament blocked his plan to rush it into law in a matter of days. Amid the impasse, last week the EU granted Britain a three-month Brexit delay, setting a new Jan. 31 deadline.

While the Conservatives have a wide lead in most opinion polls, analysts say the election is unpredictable because Brexit cuts across traditional party loyalties. The Brexit Party also poses a threat to the main opposition Labour Party in traditionally Labour-supporting post-industrial areas of Wales and northern England, which voted in 2016 to leave the EU.

On the other side of the divide, the centrist Liberal Democrats, who want to cancel Brexit, are wooing pro-EU supporters from both the Conservatives and Labour in Britain's big cities and liberal university towns. □

Pakistani Islamists camp out in Islamabad, urge PM to quit

By MUNIR AHMED

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Tens of thousands of members of a radical Islamist party camped out in Pakistan's capital overnight, demanding Friday the resignation of Prime Minister Imran Khan over economic hardships.

Leading a caravan of hundreds of cars and buses was Maulana Fazlur Rehman, the leader of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam party. He began his "Azadi March" from the southern city of Karachi last Sunday.

Rehman and his supporters entered Islamabad at about midnight Thursday. Chanting slogans for change and waving party flags, they camped out at an open area allocated for them by the government amid tight security.

The hard-line religious cleric who has campaigned for regressive legislation targeting women and opposed legislation to eliminate of violence against women denied female journalists access to his march, causing a social media storm. Rehman also refused to allow women members of his party to participate in his march.

Rehman has been accusing the military of influencing the 2018 parliamentary elections that saw Khan's Pakistan's Tehreek-e-Insaf party come into power.



Supporters of a Pakistani radical Islamist party 'Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam' offer prayers during an anti-government march, in Islamabad, Pakistan, Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

Rehman's seven-party political alliance, Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal, could secure only 16 seats in the 342-member National Assembly, the lower house of parliament. Khan received 155.

Khan on Friday told a gathering in the northern city of Gilgit that he was not afraid of Rehman's threats to his government. He said opposition parties under the leadership of Rehman had entered Islamabad with their supporters to call for accountability.

"I will continue to hold the corrupt accountable," he said.

Authorities have deployed police and paramilitary forces and put shipping containers on key roads in the capital to prevent the massive anti-government procession from reaching the Red Zone, where government offices, parliament and foreign embassies are located.

The rally comes two days after Pakistani businesses observed a nationwide strike against recently imposed taxes, which the opposition says were imposed as part of the International Monetary Fund's \$6 billion bailout package for Pakistan.

Khan insists he is taking measures to improve the economy. But his political opponents want immediate fresh elections, saying Khan's government is creating more problems for the life of the common man.

Rehman, in a fiery speech to demonstrators Friday night vowed to continue his protest until Khan steps down. He said Khan is the most incompetent ruler in the country's political history and that his ouster is necessary for saving Pakistan and saving people from more hardship.

He said his rally was peace-

ful, but claimed his supporters had the capability to remove Khan from power by entering his official residence. He also asked the country's military to remain neutral because "we don't want any confrontation with the institutions."

Rehman, without naming the army, said he wants the country's "powerful forces to end their support for Khan's government "in the next two days."

Almost all of Pakistan's main political parties have extended their symbolic support of Rehman's rally by joining him in anti-government speeches.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, leader of the Pakistan People's Party, told one of the largest rallies in Islamabad's recent history that they will wage a joint political struggle to force Khan to resign. He called Khan a "puppet ruler."

Shahbaz Sharif, who heads the Pakistan Muslim League party, promised in a speech to improve the country's economy within six months if his party comes into power in future after removal of Khan's government.

Pakistan's opposition says Khan came into power because of the support of "unseen forces" — a reference to the country's powerful military, which has denied supporting any political party in the 2018 parliamentary elections. □

Flooding in East Africa affects more than 1 million people



In this photo taken Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 and released by Medecins Sans Frontieres, areas are submerged by floodwaters between Bor and Pibor, seen from the air, in South Sudan.

Associated Press

By SAM MEDNICK
TOM ODULA
Associated Press
NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) —

More than 1 million people in East Africa are affected by flooding after higher than normal rainfall, an aid

group said Friday. Parts of the region are bracing for a tropical storm, Kyarr, that could worsen an already dire humanitarian situation. The International Rescue Committee said many people had been reeling from an earlier period of severe drought. Now the rains in parts of Somalia, South Sudan and Kenya are expected for another four to six weeks.

"We desperately need help here from anyone who can help us, things are bad, and help needs to come fast before it is too late," said Mohamed Hassan, one of thousands of people dis-

placed in Beledweyne, Somalia. The flooding in Somalia, which has caused several deaths, has displaced more than 180,000 people and destroyed crops, the aid group Action Against Hunger said. It estimated that the tropical storm would bring another meter of water to parts of the region. "For many people, this is the worst flooding in a lifetime," the group's regional director Hajir Maalim said, adding that food is no longer reaching many people with roads and bridges submerged. In Kenya, government spokesman Cyrus Oguna said 38 people

have died as a result of about a month of flooding. The torrential rain is uncommon for this time of year, he said. Experts have said the changing weather patterns have a huge impact because close to 100% of the country's agriculture is rain-fed.

In South Sudan, President Salva Kiir this week declared a state of emergency in 27 counties because of the flooding. The United Nations has said entire communities in some areas have been submerged, disease is spreading and access to health services is limited. □



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North Korea says it test-fired new multiple rocket launcher

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North Korea confirmed Friday it conducted its third test-firing of a new "super-large" multiple rocket launcher that it says expands its ability to destroy enemy targets in surprise attacks.

The latest launches extended a monthslong streak of weapons displays by the North, which continues to use a standstill in nuclear negotiations to advance its military capabilities while pressuring Washington for concessions.

Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency described the tests a day after the South Korean and Japanese militaries said they detected two projectiles launched from an area near the North Korean capital traveling more than 321 kilometers (200 miles) cross-country before landing in waters off the North's eastern coast.



This Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019, photo provided by the North Korean government, shows what it says a test firing of a super-large rocket launcher by the Academy of Defense Science in North Korea.

Associated Press

Experts say the North could continue to ramp up weapons demonstrations ahead of an end-of-year deadline set by leader Kim Jong Un for the U.S. to offer mutually acceptable terms to salvage a fragile diplomacy

strained by disagreements over exchanging sanctions relief and disarmament steps.

Thursday's launches followed statements of displeasure by top North Korean officials over the slow

pace of nuclear negotiations with the United States and demands that the administration of President Donald Trump ease crippling sanctions and pressure on their country. KCNA said Kim expressed

satisfaction over what North Korea described as a successful test of its new rocket artillery system, but it wasn't clear whether the leader observed the launches on site. The North previously tested the system in August and September. The latest test verified the "perfection" of the system's continuous firing ability that allows it to "totally destroy" enemy targets with "super power," the agency said.

Kim Eun-han, spokesman of Seoul's Unification Ministry, said South Korea has "strong concern" over the North's weapons activity, but avoided a straightforward answer when asked about the possible impact on inter-Korean dialogue.

Chung Eui-yong, the presidential national security director, downplayed the threat posed by North Korea's new weapons during a parliamentary hearing while also mentioning South Korea's missile defense systems. □

Cambodia, awaiting political foes, stages security exercise

By SOPHENG CHEANG

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia

(AP) — Several hundred members of Cambodia's security forces staged a major exercise Friday in a show of force ahead of the promised return of exiled opposition leaders whom the government says are unwelcome.

The drills by army and police units in Banteay Meanchey province, which borders Thailand, were mainly to provide security for the public but also to defend against any "anarchic activity" that might be carried by the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party, said Gen. Chhum Socheat, a spokesman for the Minis-

try of National Defense. The party was dissolved by a court order in 2017.

Party co-founder Sam Rainsy has declared that he and his colleagues will return to Cambodia on Nov. 9 — Independence Day — along with a mass of supporters. While Thailand has never been publicly specified, it is the only practical location for such a plan.

"I am prepared to sacrifice my freedom — and even my life — to give democracy a chance, to help ensure freedom for my unfortunate people," Sam Rainsy said Friday on his Twitter account.

It is uncertain if he and his colleagues will be able to enter Thailand, whose gov-

ernment sometimes frowns on visitors who agitate for political change in its neighbors.

A senior opposition leader, Mu Sochua, was recently barred from entry and quickly deported.

Sam Rainsy has been Hun Sen's most prominent foe for decades. He went into exile in late 2015 to avoid a two-year prison sentence on charges of criminal defamation. Other legal cases have since been lodged against him by the government.

Other top party members fled into exile during a 2017 crackdown on all opposition to Hun Sen, which included the party's dissolution, the shuttering of virtu-



In this April 13, 2018, file photo, Cambodia's self-exiled opposition leader Sam Rainsy speaks during a press conference in Tokyo.

Associated Press

ally all critical media and the arrest of the party's other co-founder, Kem Sokha. He was charged with treason, based on his links to a U.S. pro-democracy organization, and is under strict house arrest. □

Argentina's next leader preps foreign policy

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

Buenos Aires, Argentina (AP)—What kind of foreign policy can the world expect from Argentina when its new president takes office in December? Argentina sparred with the United States and other Western countries when Cristina Fernández was president. Now she is returning to power, this time as vice president after Sunday's presidential election. Despite concerns, some analysts believe Alberto Fernández, Argentina's president-elect, will pursue a more pragmatic path, less reliant on the traditional ideology of the left as the country struggles to revive its economy with international support.

WHAT WAS ARGENTINA'S FOREIGN POLICY UNDER CRISTINA FERNÁNDEZ?

Tensions were high between Argentina and the United States under Cristina Fernández. Her tirades against the U.S. were a source of frequent eye-rolling in the White House. Fernández also was close with Hugo Chavez, Venezuela's anti-American late president and admired Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.

"Cristina was in office at a time when many leaders across the region leaned left," said Monica de Bolle,



Peronist presidential candidate Alberto Fernández waves to supporters in front of a large image of his running mate, former President Cristina Fernández, after incumbent President Mauricio Macri conceded defeat at the end of election day in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019

Associated Press

senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

Cristina Fernández "did what many others did: took a hard line with the US, praised regional integration, but never got very far," de Bolle said.

She infuriated Spain by depriving the Spanish company Repsol of its majority stake in the YPF energy company, and was accused of helping Iran hide its alleged role in the deadly bombing of a Jewish center in Buenos Aires in 1994, a claim she denied.

"Cristina's foreign policy, es-

specially during her second presidency, was characterized by a profound isolation, especially with Western countries," said Sergio Berensztein, a political analyst based in Buenos Aires. Relations with the U.S. improved under her successor, conservative President Mauricio Macri. Barack Obama visited Argentina, where he danced the tango at a state dinner. Donald Trump welcomed Macri to the White House. The two leaders had a personal relationship that went back to their days as businessmen.

WILL IT BE A RETURN TO THE CRISTINA YEARS?

Some Argentines fear Cristina Fernández will try to manipulate Alberto Fernández (the two are not related), but he dismisses this. Analysts say he needs to take a pragmatic approach because he inherits high poverty and employment, soaring inflation and diminishing foreign reserves.

"The piggy bank is empty and global demand for commodities, including Argentina's agricultural exports has dropped, so the latitude for a profligate populist program of redis-

tribution is severely limited," said Christopher Sabatini, a lecturer at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York and a senior research fellow at Chatham House.

"Much as the new domestic and international economic context will call for an economic balancing act, so will it in the international realm," Sabatini said.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE IMF?

Alberto Fernández will also need to negotiate the terms of Argentina's \$56 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund. That might force him to take a "middle-of-the road approach in the early months," said Jenny Pribble, associate professor of political science at the University of Richmond in the United States.

Alberto Fernández is also seen as the figure that unified Peronism, the broad but splintered political movement that many adhere to in Argentina.

To continue doing this, he "may need to take special care in his interactions with Venezuela or Cuba," Pribble said.

"At the same time, Fernández might use foreign policy interactions to symbolically remind voters of his left-leaning ideological orientation." □



A protester against the reelection of President Evo Morales hurls a tear gas canister back at police during clashes in La Paz, Bolivia, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019.

By PAOLA FLORES

NATALIE ALCOBA

Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Police in Bolivia fired tear gas and rubber bullets at protesters marching toward the presidential palace early Friday

as tensions over a disputed election escalated.

Masked demonstrators set fire to barricades and threw tear gas back at police lines during the clashes in La Paz before dawn. The protesters oppose Boliv-

Election violence erupts near Bolivia's presidential palace

ian President Evo Morales, who obtained just enough support - according to official results - to secure victory in the first round of the Oct. 20 presidential election.

The opposition alleges the outcome was rigged to enable Morales to avoid a runoff vote; the president denies any irregularities and has accused the opposition of trying to stage a coup.

Two people were fatally shot at around midnight Wednesday during clashes between supporters and opponents of Morales in

Santa Cruz province, an opposition stronghold.

On Friday, the government confirmed that a delegation from the Organization of American States had arrived and started an audit of the election results. The audit is expected to take 10 to 12 days.

The opposition, led by former president Carlos Mesa, rejects the audit.

He says its terms were agreed upon "unilaterally" by the government and the OAS, without consulting the opposition or other civil society groups. Mesa came less than one

percentage point away from forcing a runoff against Morales, who has been in power for 14 years. Suspicions about electoral fraud arose following a 24-hour halt in the reporting of vote results.

With Morales at the helm, Bolivia has seen commodities-fueled economic growth. But voters have been angered by his refusal to accept the results of a 2016 referendum to keep limits on presidential terms. A subsequent decision by the country's top electoral court allowed him to seek a fourth term. □

LOCAL



Post Aruba emits a new set of stamps entitled "Feathers 2019"

ORANJESTAD — Post Aruba emits a new set of stamps entitled "Feathers 2019". The set consists of four (4) stamps namely 90c, 130c, 320c and 420c, for a total amount of Afl.9,60. The first-day-envelope costs Afl. 11,35.

The stamps are designed by Mr. Eduardo Valbuena, and are printed by the Johan Enschedé Security Print.

90 cents: Kinikini American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)

The American Kestrel is the smallest and most common falcon in North America. It has a roughly two-to-one range in size over subspecies and sex, varying in size from about the weight of a blue jay to a mourning dove.

In addition to requiring open space for hunting, American Kestrels need perches for hunting from, cavities for nesting (either natural or man-made), and a sufficient food supply.

Both sexes have a rufous back with noticeable barring. Its plumage is colorful and attractive, and juveniles are similar in plumage to adults.

The American kestrel usually hunts in energy-conserving fashion by perching and scanning the ground for prey to ambush, though it also hunts from the air. It sometimes hovers in the air with rapid wing beats while homing in on prey. Its diet typically consists of grasshoppers and other insects, lizards, mice, and small birds (e.g. sparrows). This broad diet has contributed to its wide success as a species. It nests in cavities in trees, cliffs, buildings, and other structures. The female lays three to seven eggs, which both sexes help to incubate.

The American kestrel is a common bird with proper training and weight control many American kestrels become effective hunters of birds in the size range of sparrows and starlings, with occasional success against birds up to approximately twice their own weight.

130 cents: Falki Peregrine Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

The Peregrine is a large and powerful falcon. It has long, broad, pointed wings and a relatively short tail. It is blue-grey above, with a black-



ish top of the head and an obvious black 'moustache' that contrasts with its white face. Its breast is finely barred. It is swift and agile in flight, chasing prey. They prefer wide-open spaces, and thrive near coasts where shorebirds are common, but they can be found everywhere from tundra to deserts. Juveniles are heavily marked, with vertical streaks instead of horizontal bars on the breast.

Their typical prey items include shorebirds, small ducks, grebes, gulls, pigeons, bats and songbirds. They occasionally steal prey, including fish and rodents, from other raptors.

Length: 39-50 cm, Wingspan: 95-115 cm, Weight: 600-1300 g

Juveniles are heavily marked, with vertical streaks instead of horizontal bars on the breast.

320 cents: Warawara Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)

The crested caracara is about the same size as an osprey, but it has shorter wings. It has a length of approximately 53 to 58 centimeters, with a wingspan of approximately 1.2 meters. Caracaras can be identified by their long yellow legs, and their large, hooked, bluish bill. Caracaras have black crowns and crests, with red facial skin. Their tails are banded, alternating black and white, with a wide black terminal band. The ends of the primaries and at the base of the neck are also banded. Immature birds appear similar, but their coloring is duller overall. Both sexes of the birds are similarly plumaged.

Bonds between adult caracaras are strong, persisting until one of the mates dies. Together, the pair of Caracaras will maintain a large

territory. The nesting site is usually in a cabbage palm tree, and the nest is a bulky structure made with slender vines and sticks. The breeding season for Caracaras is from January to March, and the usual clutch being two or three eggs. Incubation is about 32 days, and the young do not leave the nest until they are at least eight weeks old. The family of Caracaras can be observed together for at least three months after the young fledge. There is usually only one brood, but two are not unusual.

420 cents: Shoco Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia arubensis*)

This small ground-dwelling Owl (20 cm) also called "Shoco" is endemic for Aruba. This small, pale buffish-colored owl with lighter spots is unmistakable because of its large round yellow eyes, prominent white eyebrows, long legs, short stubby tail, and a flat facial disc typical of the owl family and lacks ear tufts. They use their remarkably long legs to dig burrows (up to a length of 4 meters!) for nesting and sleeping. Although they are expert diggers they sometimes do it the easy way and use discarded construction pipes as a nesting and resting place.

Nesting season begins in late March or April. Occasionally a male will have two (2) mates.

Clutch size 1- 5 eggs. Burrowing Owls are often active during the day, although they hunt for food at night. They hunt during a 24-hour period especially when they have the young to feed.

They feed on large insects and rodents which it typically hunts for from the ground, walking, hopping or running after it. It is known on oc-

casion to locate prey from a high perch and they use their talons to catch their prey, such as large insects in the air.

They are often found sitting close to the nest entrance, winking comically at any intruder and bobbing up and down, bending their long legs. Finally they will fly away and find a safer place on top of a cactus or large boulder.

The Burrowing Owls are very vocal, and have a wide range of different calls. They make a tremulous chuckling or chattering call.

The Shoco can be found among the gigantic boulders of diorite, characteristic for parts of Aruba. They live on the ground in between and underneath the stones.

The Shoco also live in Arikok National Park. They can be found alongside a mostly dry riverbed and in the tonalite area in the southern and western part of the park. Not only is the Shoco found in the countryside, but also amongst people within highly developed areas.

Aruban Burrowing Owl's population has greatly diminished and is now endangered, with estimates of less than 200 pairs remaining. Threats include over-development and the invasive boa constrictor. Efforts are being made to ensure that it does not go extinct.

The 'Shoco' was made one of Aruba's National Symbols on February 2012. It also appears on Aruba's Postal Stamps and Currency.

The year 2012 was declared to be the year of the 'Shoco' and for the Aruban Burrowing Owl to be nominated as Aruba's National Bird. The island's terrestrial protected area, Parke Nacional Arikok, is also an important refuge where the population can recover and the staff is actively involved in conservation efforts.

These stamps will be available at all the Post Office locations, namely in Oranjestad, San Nicolas and Sta. Cruz.

Make sure that you have this set in your collection as the stock is limited.

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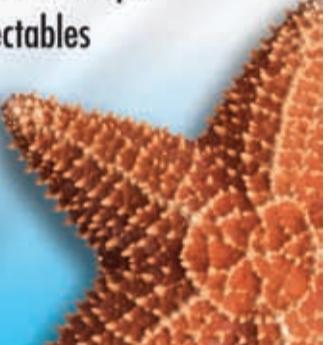
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Aruba acts to protect endangered coral reefs

ORANJESTAD — Less than a year after announcing a total ban on the use of single-use plastic, Aruba has intensified its measures to protect its endangered coral reefs. In what is claimed to be "the biggest voluntarism project" on the island over a thousand volunteers - locals and visitors alike - will congregate on the beaches of the Dutch Caribbean Island for the Aruba Reef Care Project.

The volunteers efforts to clean both snorkel and dive sites, and beaches, is now supplemented by a coral nursery, funded by Aloe Aruba, which was recently unveiled in Savaneta. Historically, Savaneta was the island's capital up to 1797.

Aloe Aruba, which also produces coral-safe sunscreen, is partnering local

youth diving group Scubble Bubbles, to help restore the island's coral reefs.

In its effort to save the coral reefs, the nursery will be used to rehabilitate fragmented reef until it becomes sufficiently mature to be transplanted onto the coral reef by Scubble Bubble divers.

In 2017, the island's authority banned the use of all single-use plastic bags, a measure that was extended the following year to include plastic cups, straws and Styrofoam boxes. The ban will be transitioned in until 2020. At the same time, sunscreens with oxybenzone, which damage the coral, will also be banished from the island.

Aruba intends to be fossil-free by the year 2020 in its continued efforts to preserve the island's natural environment and preserve



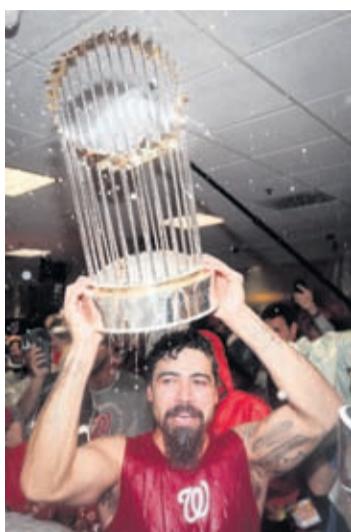
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its endangered coral reefs. Since 1995, the Aruba Reef Care Project has been perhaps the best known as well as largest volunteer environmental initiative on the island, raising awareness of

the need to preserve the sea environment. If you are interested in volunteering for the organization, email Castro Perez at castroperez@gmail.com. If you can't make the

September date, an annual National Coastal Clean-Up Day is carried out each November, during which volunteers make a clean sweep of Aruba beaches. □

SPORTS



Washington Nationals third baseman Anthony Rendon celebrates with the trophy in the locker room after Game 7 of the baseball World Series against the Houston Astros Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019, in Houston.

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Cole, Rendon among 131 free agents on market

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Washington third baseman Anthony Rendon became a free agent Thursday, a day after homering to spark Washington's seventh-inning comeback in Game 7 of the World Series.

Houston pitcher Gerrit Cole also went free after warming up in the bullpen but never getting into the season finale.

And Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg, the World Series MVP, could be joining them in the next few days. He has the right to opt out of his contract, which has \$100 million over four years remaining.

Baseball's business season starts shortly after the final out.

"I think it's hard to kind of fast-forward," Astros manager AJ Hinch said.

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SPUR OFF



Fitzpatrick takes 1-shot lead over McIlroy in Shanghai

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — Already with three victories and a career-best 17 finishes in the top 10, Rory McIlroy has put himself in position to add to those totals going into the weekend at the HSBC Champions.

He made a mess of the 16th hole Friday and escaped with bogey after hitting three tee shots (only two of them counted). He bounced back with a 5-iron to 3 feet for eagle on the final hole for a 5-under 67, leaving him one shot behind Matt Fitzpatrick.

McIlroy is happy with what he has done this year. But as he stood beneath the clubhouse at Sheshan International, he shared another number that makes him proud.

"I have top 10s in 50% of my PGA Tour starts," McIlroy said. "To me, that's a nice stat to know that most times you tee it up, you maybe not contend, but you're putting yourself there."

He was rounding off figures, but it's no less impressive.

McIlroy, who is wrapping up his 12th full year as a pro, has finished in the top 10 in 49% of his PGA Tour starts. Tiger Woods is at 55%, while Phil Mickelson is at 32%.

Dustin Johnson, who turned pro about the same time as McIlroy and already has 20 titles on the PGA Tour, is at 37%.

McIlroy looked up his record because it's what drives him. Winning, sure,



Matthew Fitzpatrick of England tees off for the HSBC Champions golf tournament held at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai on Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

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but that starts with chances.

He has another one in Shanghai.

Fitzpatrick played bogey-free in the second round for a 67 that put him at 11-under 133. He figured to drop a shot on the 16th after a bad drive and a good idea that went bad.

He hooked his tee shot toward the trees and did well to get the ball to the back of the green, facing a tough lie with the ball nestled in deep rough. Fitzpatrick thought about chipping a 7-wood, blading a wedge or stabbing at it with his putter.

He went with the third option.

"The putter went past the

ball, and the ball was still in the air — very weird," Fitzpatrick said.

It rolled out onto the green and caught a slope away from the cup. No matter. He holed the long par putt, hit 5-iron to 15 feet for birdie on the tough par-3 17th and got up-and-down from the fairway on the par-5 closing hole for the 36-hole lead.

Defending champion Xander Schauffele, still struggling with remnants of the flu, rallied for a 69 and was two shots behind, along with Adam Scott (69) and Sungjae Im (69).

Li Haotong of China lost ground with a 72, but he remained in the mix at three shots behind. The top

eight players going into the weekend came from eight countries.

McIlroy ran off four straight birdies on the front, only for his momentum to slow. And then he was happy to only lose one shot on the 16th hole, which measures 288 yards.

McIlroy hit 3-wood so wild to the left in the trees that he hit a provisional — a 6-iron this time — for a lost ball.

He found it.

But he realized that by taking a penalty for an unplayable lie, getting back to the fairway would have been harder than going back to the tee.

So, he hit a third tee shot, a lob wedge to 8 feet and

one putt for a bogey. "I tried to hit the same shot as yesterday, but the wind was more off the left," McIlroy said.

"I knew I had to caress one a little bit, and I caressed it dead left. Made a good 5." Schauffele is moderately shocked to be in the mix considering how badly he has felt this week, often turning to cough into the crook of his elbow after hitting shots.

He couldn't find the fairway and limited the damage with his short game on the front nine, then cleaned it up on the back nine with three birdies.

No one has won back-to-back in the HSBC Champions since it became a World Golf Championship in 2009, and Schauffele might be the best bet extending an American streak of seven victories in this series.

"I was 1 over on the front nine and was not looking like a real golfer — or at least a professional golfer — on that front stretch," Schauffele said.

"Happy that my feet got under me on the back nine, and just sort of had a little bit of a better time."

Im, looking more and more like a pick for the Presidents Cup next week, was around the lead all day until a bogey from the bunker on the 17th and failing to make birdie on the 18th. Scott birdied three straight holes in the middle of his back nine to stay in the hunt. □



Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic hits a backhand shot against Simona Halep of Romania in the WTA Finals Tennis Tournament at the Shenzhen Bay Sports Center in Shenzhen, China's Guangdong province, Friday, Nov. 1, 2019.

Associated Press

By SANDRA HARWITT
Associated Press

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — Karolina Pliskova ad-

vanced to the semifinals of the WTA Finals for the third straight year, beating Simona Halep 6-0, 2-6, 6-4 Friday shortly after defending champion Elina Svitolina completed a near-perfect group stage.

Pliskova benefited from a bit of luck on match point, hitting a forehand that caught the top of the net and dropped over for a final break of serve.

"It was big relief after this point because I felt it was

going to end up in the net," Pliskova said. "I was kind of happy, of course."

"Felt sorry for her because the match was so close."

In the semifinals, Pliskova will take on top-ranked Ash Barty — Australia's first female year-end No. 1.

Svitolina, who made it through the group stage without dropping a set, beat replacement Sofia Kenin 7-5, 7-6 (10) earlier Friday. She will next face Belinda Bencic. □

Svitolina had already qualified for the semifinals from the Purple Group before the match. She saved two set points in the second set before finally winning the match on her sixth match point.

"I am that kind of person that each time I step on the court I have to win," Svitolina said. "My parents raised me this way, that I have to fight for everything, I have to give 100% each time I play. □

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Clippers beat Spurs as Leonard scored 38 against former team

By JOE REEDY
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gregg Popovich and Kawhi Leonard exchanged some laughs and pleasantries after Leonard's new team, the Los Angeles Clippers, defeated his former coach and the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday night.

If Leonard has any more nights like that against his former club, the normally irascible Popovich won't be smiling again.

Leonard scored 38 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the Clippers' 103-97 victory, which handed the Spurs their first loss. It is Leonard's first points-rebounds, double-double this season. It is also his first double-double in three meetings against San Antonio, where he played seven seasons (2011-18) before being traded to Toronto in July of 2018.

The 38 points ties for the fifth-most Leonard has scored in a regular-season game in his eight-year ca-

reer. He took a career high 32 shots.

"It was something I look forward to," Leonard said about facing the Spurs. "Just to be able to play against a great coach and my old teammates is always fun."

Leonard is 2-1 against his former team. While his departure from San Antonio wasn't amicable, Leonard said his relationship with Popovich is good, for the most part.

Popovich didn't have much to say about Leonard postgame other than: "I thought he was great." When someone tried to get Popovich to expound, he replied: "Doc's coaching him, I'm not. I just said he had a great game, there's nothing else to say."

Another thing going well is Leonard's start with the Clippers, the team he signed with as a free agent during the offseason. He has scored 30 or more in three of his first five games and is the first Clipper since



San Antonio Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan, front left, loses the ball as Los Angeles Clippers guard Patrick Beverley, back left, and forward Kawhi Leonard, right, defend during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019.

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Blake Griffin in 2015 to have at least 38 points and 12 rebounds in a game.

"Tonight was a great night for him to do his thing. We just followed his lead," Clippers guard Lou Williams said.

Leonard — who sat out Wednesday's game at Utah due to load management — took control of the game in the second half, when he had 25 points on 10 of 16 shooting from the field, including a pair of 3-pointers. Los Angeles went on a 9-1 run to take a 64-55 lead with 6:55 remaining in the third quarter. Leonard scored five of his 10 third-quarter points during the rally, including a dunk after a steal of DeMar DeRozan at midcourt.

San Antonio got within five (80-75) at the end of the third quarter before the Clippers scored 11 of the first 13 points in the fourth

quarter with nine coming from Leonard. The Spurs scored six straight points to get within 97-93 with 2:34 left but could not get closer. The Clippers shot just 42.9% from the field, but Rivers was pleased with his team's defense. LaMarcus Aldridge came in averaging 21.3 points, but was held to five.

"It was a gritty game by both teams where no one could make a shot," Rivers said. "Tonight was not a great offensive night but we were able to win it on defense."

DeRozan, a Los Angeles native, led San Antonio with 29 points and Derrick White added 20.

HEAT 106, HAWKS 97

ATLANTA (AP) — Kendrick Nunn scored a career-high 28 points to add to his record-setting start and the Miami Heat beat the Atlanta Hawks for the second

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Garoppolo throws 4 TD passes, 49ers beat Cardinals 28-25

By DAVID BRANDT

AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — San Francisco's game-manager turned into quite the game-changer in an impressive performance.

Jimmy Garoppolo threw for 317 yards and four touchdowns on a night his team's vaunted defense wasn't at its best, and the San Francisco 49ers reached the halfway point of their season undefeated, beating the Arizona Cardinals 28-25 on Thursday.

For a quarterback who often gets the backhanded compliment of being a good game-manager, Garoppolo's stellar performance provided some proof that the 27-year-old might be a little better than people think.

His teammates already knew.

"Yeah, he's pretty good," San Francisco 49ers tight end George Kittle said. "I don't know why people don't think he is. He makes some pretty gutsy throws out there, doesn't he? Goodness gracious."

San Francisco (8-0) fell behind 7-0 but responded with three touchdowns — one as time expired in the second quarter after Cardinals coach Kliff Kingsbury called a timeout and gave the 49ers a second chance on fourth down — to take a 21-7 halftime lead.

The 49ers were in control until about five minutes left in the fourth quarter, when

Andy Isabella caught a short pass and sprinted for an 88-yard touchdown to help the Cardinals pull to 28-25.

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"That's where we're at right now."

Johnson and Chase Edmonds, who were battling injuries.

Kenyan Drake — who was acquired by the Cardinals

down just shy of the goal line with a few seconds remaining in the first half. But there was one major problem for the Cardinals: Kingsbury called a timeout just before the play began. The 49ers converted on their second chance when Garoppolo hit Sanders for a 1-yard touchdown pass and a 21-7 lead. Kingsbury said he was trying to get a "Kodak" snapshot of what the 49ers were trying to do. "Obviously looking back on it we would have rather gotten that stop," Kingsbury said. "It just didn't work out for us this time."

ROAD WARRIOR

San Francisco's off to an 8-0 start for the second time in franchise history. The Niners won 10 straight games to start the 1990 season.

This year's streak has included five road wins. The 49ers have three straight home games starting with the Seahawks on Nov. 11.

KITTLE SCARE

The 49ers got a scare early when star tight end George Kittle left the game after taking a helmet to the knee.

But the 49ers were able to run out the clock on their ensuing offensive drive to end Arizona's comeback. Garoppolo had two crucial third-down completions to keep the final drive alive, including one to Emmanuel Sanders who caught seven passes for 112 yards and a touchdown.

Even in victory and at 8-0, Niners cornerback Richard Sherman was downright grumpy when asked about the defense. Arizona had 357 total yards.

"It's not about the results.

The results are going to be what they are," Sherman said.

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"Thank goodness our offense executed. But it's about the process, it's executing the way you're supposed to. It's about doing your job repeatedly, like with robotic consistency."

Arizona (3-5-1) lost its second straight game. Rookie quarterback Kyler Murray threw for 241 yards and two touchdowns.

The Cardinals came into the game without their top two running backs, David

on Monday in a trade with the Miami Dolphins — ran for 36 yards on the first play of the game and capped the opening drive with a 4-yard touchdown run. He finished with a team-high 110 yards rushing and 52 yards receiving.

"That's what we expected from him, why we traded for him," Kingsbury said.

"His skill set is perfect for what we do. He's explosive, he runs tough and to come and learn an entirely new offense, we didn't hold anything back. We knew we could call our best game."

BAD TIMING

Arizona looked as if it was about to escape the first half trailing 14-7 after San Francisco's Jeff Wilson Jr. was stopped on fourth



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10) gets the throw off as Arizona Cardinals outside linebacker Terrell Suggs (56) applies pressure during the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019, in Glendale, Ariz.

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INJURIES

49ers: Defensive lineman Arik Armstead left in the first quarter with a throat injury but returned to the game.

... Linebacker Kwon Alexander had a chest injury in the second half and didn't return.

Cardinals: Defensive lineman Clinton McDonald left with what the team called a "stinger" in the third quarter.

UP NEXT

San Francisco returns home to face Seattle on Nov. 11 for a Monday night game.

Arizona travels to Tampa Bay on Nov. 10. □

Ravens, Jackson takes on Brady, undefeated Patriots in Week 9

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Pro Football Writer

Lamar Jackson is off to a sensational start with his arm and his legs, putting up eye-popping numbers in his second NFL season. The Baltimore quarterback knows he has a long way to go, though, to become great.

He'll see Exhibit A across from him on the other sideline when the Ravens host Tom Brady and the undefeated New England Patriots on Sunday night in one of the more intriguing matchups of Week 9.

"Tom Brady is definitely the one at the top," Jackson said. "He has six Super Bowls. He's definitely the GOAT, definitely."

While Brady has Jackson's vote for the "Greatest of All Time" at quarterback, the New England star is hardly satisfied — even with all those rings and records. The Patriots are looking for their third 9-0 start in franchise history, and second in five years.

"You have to sharpen your tools," Ravens defensive tackle Brandon Williams said, "because they're definitely sharpening theirs."

It all starts with Brady, of course. But Bill Belichick's bunch has also been doing it with a downright stingy defense.

The Patriots lead the NFL in points allowed per game (7.6) and have scored as many defensive touchdowns as they have allowed: four.

"We'll see how good they are once we play them," Ravens tight end Nick Boyle said. "I don't think they've seen anything like our offense or like Lamar."

In fairness, few have.

The dynamic Jackson is the only player in the NFL with at least 1,500 yards passing and 500 yards rushing this season. Jackson also ranks 10th overall in the league with 576 yards rushing — more than seven teams total.

"He's a major problem and everybody's had trouble

with him," Belichick said. "It'll be a big challenge for us. Yeah, he can do it all. He can run, he can throw, can throw on the run, can extend plays. He's tough."

Week 9 began Thursday night with San Francisco's 28-25 road victory over Arizona that lifted the 49ers to 8-0.

Jimmy Garoppolo threw for 317 yards and four touchdowns for the 49ers. Rookie Kyler Murray threw for 241 yards and two touchdowns for the Cardinals (3-5-1).

Atlanta (1-7), Cincinnati (0-8), New Orleans (7-1) and the Los Angeles Rams all have a bye-week break.

MINNESOTA (6-2) at KANSAS CITY (5-3)

All eyes will be on Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes — and whether he's on the sideline or under center.

Mahomes is recovering from a dislocated kneecap that kept him out of Kansas City's last game, a 31-24 loss to Green Bay. If the reigning NFL MVP can't play, it'll again be Matt Moore starting after he had 267 yards passing and two touchdowns against the Packers.

Meanwhile, Kirk Cousins is coming off setting a Vikings single-game record for completion percentage (88.5 after going 23 of 26 last week in a win over Washington). He'll lead a Minnesota squad that hasn't played at Arrowhead Stadium since 1974.

GREEN BAY (7-1) at LOS ANGELES CHARGERS (3-5)

Matt LaFleur is off to quite a start with the Packers, becoming the 19th NFL head coach and first since Jim Harbaugh in 2011 to win at least seven of his first eight games.

Aaron Rodgers has been doing his usual: two straight games with 300-plus passing yards, three-plus passing TDs and no INTs. Aaron Jones has been a huge factor: He was the only player in the league in October to post 250 or more yards rushing and 250 or more yards receiving.



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson passes against the Seattle Seahawks during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019, in Seattle.

Associated Press

Marcus Mariota.

Kyle Allen remains the starting quarterback for the Panthers, but took his first career loss in a 51-13 blowout defeat against San Francisco. He also threw the first three interceptions of his career. Allen will have to be on guard against the Titans, who forced four turnovers last week against Tampa Bay and are tied for second in the NFL with a plus-7 turnover margin.

WASHINGTON (1-7) at BUFFALO (5-2)

The struggling Redskins are in jeopardy of opening 1-8 for the first time since 1998, and rookie Dwayne Haskins was in line to make his first career start if Case Keenum isn't cleared from concussion protocol.

The Bills' defense could be in for a bounceback game after a 31-13 loss to Philadelphia. Buffalo has forced at least one turnover in seven straight games and will face a Redskins offense that has scored a combined 36 points in the last five games.

CHICAGO (3-4) at PHILADELPHIA (4-4)

Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz has thrown a touchdown pass in 11 consecutive games, tied with Seattle's Russell Wilson for the NFL's longest active streak. He'll face a Bears defense, led sack-happy Khalil Mack, that held the Chargers' Philip Rivers to a season-low 201 yards passing while shutting down Los Angeles' run game and allowing just 36 yards on the ground. □

The Chargers are struggling on offense, even with the return of Melvin Gordon, so coach Anthony Lynn made a change by firing coordinator Ken Whisenhunt.

TAMPA BAY (2-5) at SEATTLE (6-2)

The Seahawks are looking to start 7-2 or better for the fifth time in franchise history, and they'll face a Buccaneers team that's concluding a six-week stretch in which it hasn't played a game in its home stadium. Jameis Winston is coming off his fourth game with 300 or more yards passing for Tampa Bay, but he also has 10 turnovers in his last two outings.

Russell Wilson leads the NFL with 17 touchdown passes this season, with only one INT. He'll also tie guard Chris Gray for the franchise record with 121 consecutive starts.

HOUSTON (5-3) vs JACKSONVILLE (4-4)

The Texans are making their first trip to London, but Wembley Stadium has been a home-away-from-Jacksonville for the Jaguars, who are playing there for the seventh consecutive year.

Deshawn Watson is the first player in NFL history with at least 15 TD passes and five rushing scores in his team's first eight games of season. The Texans won't have J.J. Watt on defense, though, after he was lost for the season last week with a torn pectoral.

Minshew Mania remains alive and well for the Jaguars, with quarterback

Gardner Minshew leading rookies with 13 TD passes and a 98.8 quarterback rating. He has had a productive supporting cast around him with Leonard Fournette leading the AFC with 791 yards rushing, and wide receiver DJ Chark tied for the league lead with six TD catches.

INDIANAPOLIS (5-2) at PITTSBURGH (3-4)

This marks the first meeting between the teams since 1997 to not feature the Peyton Manning for the Colts or Ben Roethlisberger for the Steelers.

Jacoby Brissett has done a solid job replacing the retired Andrew Luck, leading the Colts to three straight victories. Indianapolis has also gotten used to playing nail-biters: Every one of its games this season has been decided by a touchdown or less.

Pittsburgh's Mason Rudolph is coming off a career-high 251 yards passing last week in Pittsburgh's victory over Miami. Rudolph will see if he can get things done on a Sunday, though, after being the first QB in NFL history to have his first two career victories come on "Monday Night Football."

TENNESSEE (4-4) at CAROLINA (4-3)

The Titans have won consecutive games by a combined seven points, and can thank quarterback Ryan Tannehill in large part. He has thrown for 505 yards with five TDs and one interception with a 115.3 passer rating in his two starts since replacing the benched

Tkachuk's trickery sends Flames past Predators 6-5 in OT

By CHIP CIRILLO
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Matthew Tkachuk didn't think a comeback win was possible after Calgary's terrible start. Then, he scored a pair of improbable goals for a come-from-behind win. Tkachuk scored the tying goal with 40 seconds left in regulation and the winning goal with 1.4 seconds left in overtime on a between-the-legs shot as the Flames beat the Nashville Predators 6-5 on Thursday night.

Calgary rallied from a three-goal deficit after Nashville took the game's first 14 shots.

"I didn't think it was going to be possible after the first 20 minutes or first 10 minutes," Tkachuk said. "We were all over them in that third period and that's the way we need to be to be at our best." On the winner, Tkachuk skated in front of the net against two Nashville defenders, let the puck slip between his legs and flipped a shot that beat Predators goalie Pekka Rinne high to the stick side. Derek Ryan, Rasmus Andersson, Elias Lindholm and Alan Quine also scored for



Calgary Flames left wing Matthew Tkachuk (19) scores a goal against Nashville Predators goaltender Pekka Rinne (35), of Finland, during the third period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019, in Nashville, Tenn. The Flames won in overtime, 6-5.

the Flames. Austin Watson scored twice, Calle Jarnikov scored two short-handed goals and Nick Bonino had a goal as the Predators saw their four-game win streak halted. "I think this comeback kind of gives us confidence that we can be down in the third, even though we don't want to be, and we can come back," Tkachuk said. "So I guess that's the positive we can take."

Tkachuk's rebound goal with 40 seconds left tied the game at 5 and forced overtime. Calgary's David Rittich made 31 saves. Rinne made 21 saves. Quine's first goal tied it at 4 with 3:21 left. Watson gave Nashville a 5-4 lead with 1:22 remaining. Lindholm scored his team-leading ninth goal from close range, narrowing the gap to 4-3 of the third period. "A lot of good things

in the third period and it looks a lot more like us, right," Flames coach Bill Peters said. "We put the work boots on and played with some speed and possessed the puck. It should be a springboard to bigger and better things." Calgary didn't take its first shot until about six minutes remained in the first period. Bonino gave the Predators a 1-0 lead when he scored on a backhanded rebound

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at 5:33 of the first period. It was his fourth straight goal, including a hat trick in Nashville's 3-0 win over Chicago on Tuesday. The center leads the Predators with seven goals.

Watson scored on assists from Colton Sissons and Matt Irwin, increasing Nashville's lead to 2-0 at 10:15 of the first.

Watson signed a three-year, \$4.5 million contract extension earlier in the day. Ryan scored on the Flames' second shot, a wrist shot from the bottom of the left faceoff circle, narrowing the gap to 2-1 at 15:27 of the first.

Calgary almost tied it when Johnny Gaudreau's wrist shot bounced off the right post before Rinne smoothed the rebound in the crease 18 minutes into the first. The Flames missed another chance to tie when a shot hit the post again early in the second period.

Jarnikov scored his first short-handed goal on a 2-on-1 breakaway after a Calgary turnover, sending a wrist shot into high near post past Rittich, boosting Nashville's lead to 3-1 at 4:36 of the second period. □

Free Agents

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"Seasons end really fast. I don't care if you get all the way to the seventh game of the World Series. It's all of a sudden — boom! — it's over." Cole, Rendon and Strasburg all are represented by Scott Boras, known for slow, methodical negotiations. Last winter, he reached out to Bryce Harper's \$330 million, 13-year contract with Philadelphia on Feb. 28.

Cole, a 29-year-old right-hander who went 20-5 this year, is expected to get a record contract for a pitcher, topping David Price's \$217 million, seven-year deal with Boston before the 2016 season and Justin Verlander's \$31.33 million average salary under a three-year deal with the Astros that started in 2019.

Cole tweeted a letter Thursday praising Houston fans.

"Before I became an Astro I didn't know much about Houston, but after just two years you have made it feel like home," he wrote. "This is a relationship between a team and ... fans like no other that I know."

Strasburg, a 31-year-old right-hander, just finished the third season of a \$175 million deal and at 18-6 also is coming off his best season. Rendon led the major leagues with 126 RBIs while hitting .319 with 34 homers. A total of 131 players became free agents Thursday, and 53 more potentially are eligible pending decisions on team, player and mutual options during the next few days.

Among the pitchers available are major league ERA leader Hyun-Jin Ryu, Zack



Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole walks to the dugout after the third inning of Game 5 of the baseball World Series against the Washington Nationals Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, in Washington.

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Wheeler, Madison Bumgarner, Rick Porcello, Cole Hamels, Jake Odorizzi and Dallas Keuchel, who went free after the 2018 season and waited until June to reach a one-year deal with Atlanta.

Others eligible include shortstop Didi Gregorius, third baseman Josh Donaldson and outfielders

Yasiel Puig, Marcell Ozuna and José Abreu — the AL RBIs leader. Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman and Boston slugger J.D. Martinez also have the right to opt out, and catcher Yasmani Grandal has a mutual option with Milwaukee. Teams must decide by Monday whether to make \$17.8 million qualifying of-

fers to their former players who became free agents. Players are eligible for the offer if they were on the roster for the season and never received a qualifying offer before. The price dropped for the first time, by \$100,000, following a second straight slow off-season for roster moves.

Edwin Encarnación's \$25 million option was declined by the Yankees, triggering a \$5 million buyout.

Cleveland exercised Corey Kluber's \$17.5 million team option and declined options on second baseman Jason Kipnis (\$16.5 million) and reliever Dan Otero (\$1.5 million). Kipnis gets a \$2.5 million buyout and Otero \$100,000 buyout. Left-hander Oliver Pérez's option became guaranteed at \$3 million because he pitched in 60 or more games and passed a club physical. □

Alvarez moves up to take on big puncher Kovalev in Las Vegas

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Canelo Alvarez didn't have to take the risk. Not at light heavyweight, and not against a puncher like Sergey Kovalev. A third fight with Gennadiy Golovkin was there for the asking. There were other fights against lesser opponents that would have given Alvarez the same kind of payday he's grown used to collecting every time he puts on the gloves for real.

But on Saturday night the Mexican middleweight champion will go into the ring looking for a title in his fourth weight class, this time at 175 pounds. He'll do it against Kovalev, who packs a lot of power in his punches even if some suspect he's been in the ring a bit too long for his own good. And while Alvarez is a big favorite, even he doesn't know how he'll react to being hit by a full-fledged light heavyweight. That's the intrigue that sells the fight — but it potentially also makes for a risky evening for Alvarez.

"You don't know until you get in the ring," Alvarez said through an interpreter. "Going up two divisions is a big challenge in itself."

It's a challenge Alvarez believes he can handle,

one that might be easier since Kovalev is 36 and has struggled in recent fights. The Russian once ruled the light heavyweight division, knocking out almost everyone he got in the ring with, but now chases what could be his last big payday. While Alvarez will be noticeably smaller in the ring, he brings hand speed, body punching prowess and the unmistakable confidence of a fighter who has been there before into the fight at the MGM Grand Garden. "I'm entering his zone of comfort but we're ready for this," Alvarez said. "We have the intelligence and skill to beat Kovalev and win the fight."

The bout is the third for Alvarez under an 11-fight deal he signed with streaming service DAZN that will pay him a staggering \$365 million over five years. At 29 he's in his prime and arguably the biggest attraction in boxing — not to mention Mexico's most high-profile athlete.

Alvarez has lost only once, a 2013 defeat to Floyd Mayweather Jr. that he blames on inexperience and would become a champion in four weight divisions should he defeat Kovalev. He's at or near the top of most pound-for-pound lists, a fighter with hand speed



Sergey Kovalev, right, and Canelo Alvarez pose for photographers during a news conference Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019, in Las Vegas. The two are scheduled to fight in a WBO light heavyweight title bout Saturday in Las Vegas.

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and power but also the ring smarts gathered over a pro career that began in Mexico when he was just 15. The only real question against Kovalev is if he can take punches from a bigger fighter and make Kovalev respect his punching power.

"We know what he has and what this challenge represents," Alvarez said. "We know he has long arms, his jab is really strong, and he knows how to move, but we've trained for this. He's my strongest opponent

without a doubt and it's a huge risk for me but we're ready."

Kovalev says he's ready, too, and not just to collect the reported \$12 million purse that is the largest of his career. He fought just 10 weeks ago in his native Russia and was in trouble against Anthony Yarde before finally stopping him, and says he feels reinvigorated under new trainer Buddy McGirt.

To win, Kovalev must be able to make Alvarez feel the power that led to 29

knockouts in 38 fights — and must prove he won't fade in the late rounds as he did in his draw in the first fight with Ward. But he's been in big fights before and shouldn't be overwhelmed by the moment. "Canelo is really talented and really famous, so this is a lot of pressure to me," Kovalev said. "But believe me, I'm in boxing already since I was 11 years old and I should be fine. It's nothing for me. I should just get inside the ring and do my best job." □

Hamlin racing for NASCAR title with torn labrum in shoulder

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Denny Hamlin is racing for a NASCAR championship with a torn labrum in his left shoulder that will require offseason surgery.

Hamlin said Friday he has had shoulder issues for quite some time, and really doesn't know what caused them. He said the torn tissue hasn't affected his driving the No. 11 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing.

"It's something that's been nagging really for years," said Hamlin, who turns 39 later this month. "It just got to the point where it was really bad, got it scanned and figured out what it was."

Hamlin said the problem wasn't aggravated when he got horse-collared and pulled to the ground by a member of Joey Logano's crew in a scuffle after the race in Virginia last weekend.

The 15-season Cup Series veteran arrived at Texas second in the standings with two races remaining to qualify for the title-deciding finale at Homestead. He has won at Texas three times, including the spring race seven months ago, but is still looking for his Cup title.

Hamlin said he will be ready for the 2020 season-opening Daytona 500. He said the recovery time after surgery is 10 weeks; qualifying

at Daytona is Feb. 9, which is 12 weeks after this season's finale at Homestead. The pending surgery took Hamlin off the list of possibilities to run for Lexus in the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona in January.

Hamlin said the torn labrum, which is cartilage in the ball and socket joint of the shoulder, was progressively feeling worse late in the summer until he got a cortisone shot several weeks ago.

"That's like my saving grace when this thing started hurting, so that really changed. It went from being immobile to feels like there's nothing wrong with it," Hamlin said. "Doctors came and gave me a little bit of relief with

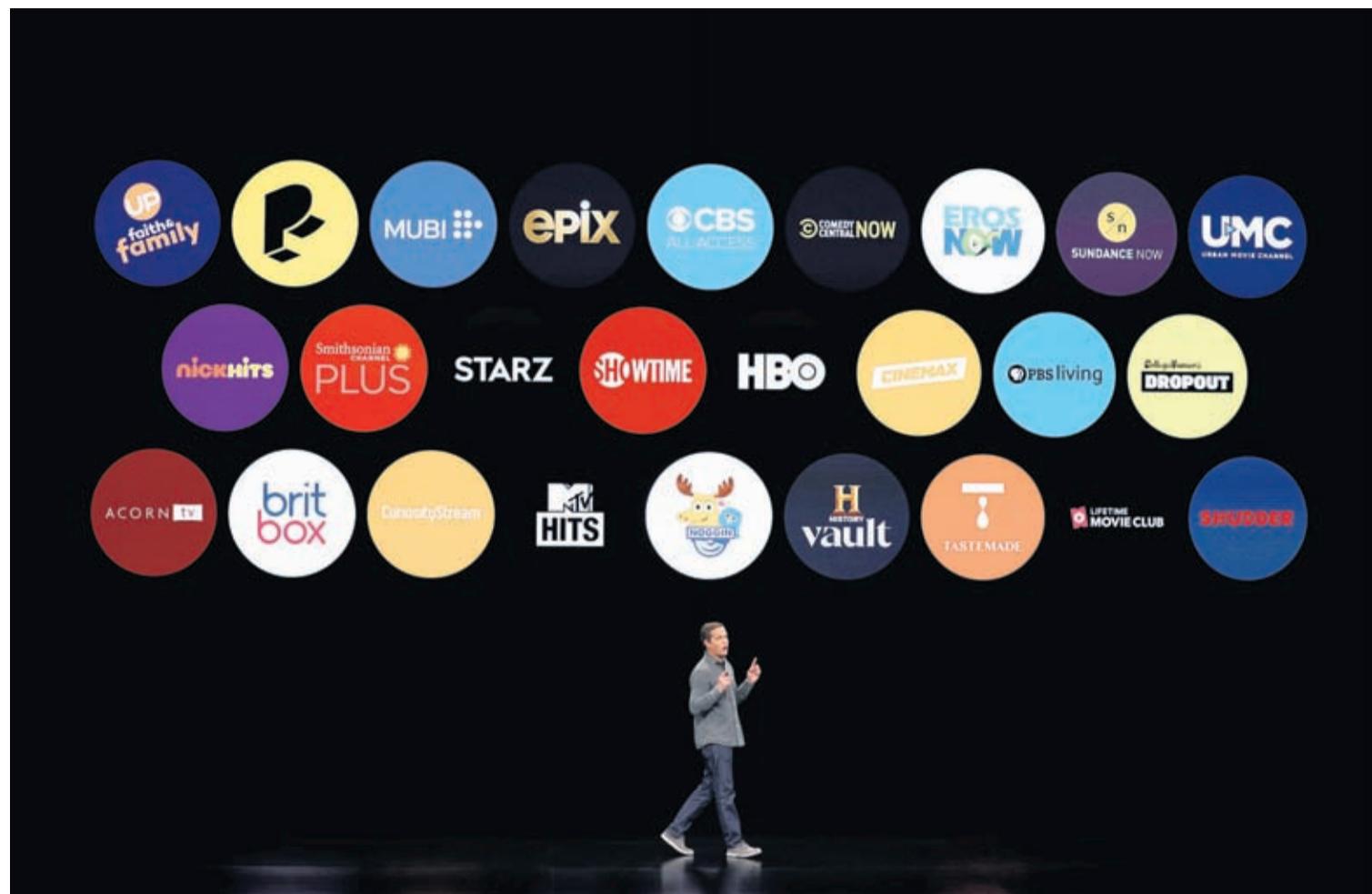


Denny Hamlin carries his daughter, Molly, during introductions for the NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

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that just to kind of get me things." □

Freebies are the key hook in new 'streaming wars'



In this March 25, 2019, file photo Peter Stern, Apple Vice President of Services, speaks at the Steve Jobs Theater during an event to announce new products in Cupertino, Calif.

By MAE ANDERSON
AP Technology Writer

If you make it free, will they come?

Apple, Disney and AT&T's WarnerMedia want to jump-start their challenges to Netflix by offering freebies and deep discounts on emerging streaming plans. That includes a free year of Apple TV Plus for customers of new Apple devices and a free year of Disney Plus to higher-tier Verizon customers. Some existing HBO subscribers will also get the super-charged version, HBO Max, at no additional cost. Experts say these services can worry later about holding onto customers — perhaps by offering must-see shows they can't get anywhere else or tying discounts to other services that are difficult to drop.

"Next year is a race to aggregate consumers," said Kevin Westcott, who heads Deloitte's U.S. telecommunication, media and entertainment consulting business. "The first war is getting them to sign up for a service. The second war is retaining them."

The new services have to attract users with marketing

blitzes and the promise of original shows and movies, then build a big enough library of old favorites to help keep them. Already, HBO Max will have "Friends" exclusively, and Disney is taking back its older movies from Netflix.

A lot of shows and movies won't be available at launch, but will be added over time. Free helps in the meantime.

Netflix has spent years building up its 158 million subscribers worldwide. Hulu has 28 million. The new players want to ramp up subscribers quickly to show they can compete.

So the services have launched the digital equivalent of the old cable promos: lure you in with discounted rates, then jack up the price after a year or two. But digital customers have more choices than cable customers of yore so a big question is whether they'll stick around.

Apple TV Plus debuts Friday for \$5 a month with just nine shows and a few more coming soon. It's already cheaper than the \$13 a month Netflix charges for its most popular plan. Buyers

of any new iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, Mac or iPod Touch get a year for free. That suggests a market of 40 million customers, Wedbush analyst Dan Ives said. Disney Plus, which arrives Nov. 12, is also cheaper than Netflix at \$7 a month. Disney struck a deal with Verizon to give customers of all unlimited wireless plans and some home-internet customers a free year. Members of Disney's free D23 fan club were also eligible to buy three years of Disney Plus service up front for the price of two years. Disney is targeting 60 million to 90 million worldwide by 2024.

AT&T's HBO Max, which launches in May for \$15 a month, is the most expensive of the new services. That could make it tough for AT&T to reach its goal of 50 million U.S. customers and 75 million to 90 million worldwide by 2025.

But AT&T will make the service free for about 10 million existing HBO subscribers, or about a third of its U.S. subscribers. HBO Max will also be included with AT&T's higher-tier wireless and broadband offerings.

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Comcast's Peacock service will be free for many of its own cable and internet customers. The regular price hasn't been announced yet. The service launches next spring.

"I don't think customers are going to have to make difficult choices about cutting one in order to add another for the first few years," said MoffettNathanson Research's Craig Moffett. But companies can't run the services at a loss forever, and when discounts end and prices rise, customers may flee. After all, the services add up fast, and signing up to multiple ones could end up costing as much as the cable packages people are ditching for streaming.

There's a lesson to be drawn from the latest TV-industry attempt to counter cord-cutting. Cable-like online packages like Sling TV and YouTube TV have ended discounts or raised prices, causing customers to flee and new sign-ups to slow down. Sony announced Tuesday that it will quit offering PlayStation Vue, one of the first to challenge traditional TV packages.

Even the dominant player isn't immune. Netflix has raised prices slowly, which helped shield it from price shock, but its latest small increase has hurt customer growth.

Westcott, the Deloitte consultant, compared the streaming promotions to efforts to lure wireless customers from competing companies.

T-Mobile has long offered Netflix free to many customers. Verizon includes six free months of Apple Music with some of its unlimited plans. Many offer other deals like paying off your phone early or getting a phone for free if you switch. "They were constantly looking for ways to steal you off other players," he said.

How will these services keep users once they've reeled them in?

The companies can constantly refresh their services with new shows and movies, Diffusion Group president Michael Greeson said.

Cathy Yao, an analyst at Diamond Hill Capital Management, also said companies can try to create "stickiness" by bundling the services with other products and services so a customer is less inclined to unsubscribe.

For example, including HBO Max with wireless and broadband services will make consumers more likely to stick around for all three, Yao said. It's similar to how Amazon packages its streaming service with its \$119-a-year Prime loyalty program. Apple TV Plus inked high-profile deals with Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Aniston. Comcast's NBCUniversal reportedly paid \$500 million to take back "The Office," and Netflix reportedly paid even more to claim global rights to "Seinfeld." "The weapon of choice for retention is exclusive programming," said Peter Csathy, founder of Creatv and an industry consultant. "All of these behemoths are investing billions of dollars in originals with the hope of finding the next 'Game of Thrones' that becomes 'Must See TV.'"

Stocks head for record high following solid jobs report

By DAMIAN J. TROISE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A government report revealing surprisingly solid job growth in October put investors in a buying mood Friday and drove broad gains for U.S. stocks in midday trading. The Labor Department said U.S. employers added 128,000 jobs, far more than the 89,500 additions that economists expected. Job growth and consumer confidence have been among the key drivers of the U.S. economy as other areas, particularly manufacturing, face a slowdown.

The gains on Friday mark a rebound from a slump on Thursday and put the S&P 500 on a path to reach its third record high this week and its fourth straight week of gains.

Banks and health care companies led the market higher. Citigroup rose 1.5% and Bristol-Myers Squibb gained 1.4%.

Rising oil prices and solid earnings from Exxon Mobil helped push energy stocks higher. Utilities and real estate companies lagged the market as investors regained an appetite for risk and shifted money away from safe-play holdings. Bonds fell and the yield on



In this Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, file photo specialist Gregg Maloney, left, and trader John Panin work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.72% from 1.69% late Thursday.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index rose 0.7% as of 12:25 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 245 points, or 0.9%, to 27,291. The Nasdaq rose 0.7%.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks outpaced the broader market in another sign that investors were confidently shifting money to riskier

holdings. The index rose 1.5%.

WEEKLY WIN: Solid earnings and economic reports injected confidence into the market throughout the week. The strong week included record highs on Monday and Wednesday, and now potentially Friday. The latest employment figures capped a mostly positive round of economic reports that have helped alleviate concerns about a potential recession. On

Wednesday, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates for the third time this year, but signaled that it plans no further cuts unless it sees clear evidence that the economic outlook has worsened.

EYES ON EARNINGS: Corporate earnings were a big focus on Wall Street this week. So far this earnings period, three-quarters of the companies that reported beat analyst's forecasts, which helped temper fears over a

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potentially steep contraction for profits. The majority of companies in the S&P 500 have now issued their latest results.

Companies in the index are now expected to report a profit slump of less than 3% compared with prior forecasts for a contraction of more than 4%. That figure is likely to continue improving as the remaining companies report, if previous quarters this year are a guide.

STRONG JUMP: Fitbit surged 14.8% after the maker of wearable fitness technology agreed to be acquired for \$2.1 billion by Google's parent company, Alphabet. Fitbit is a pioneer in the industry, but it's been under pressure from other device makers.

ENERGY RISING: Exxon Mobil rose 2.6% after it beat Wall Street's third-quarter profit forecasts despite facing a sustained slide in oil prices. The company reported a 3% increase in oil production along with a 4% rise in liquids production driven by growth from its Permian Basin operations.

OVERSEAS: Asian markets mostly rose, though Japan's Nikkei 225 fell after a weak report on manufacturing. European markets also rose. □

US added a solid 128,000 jobs in October despite GM strike

By JOSH BOAK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added a solid 128,000 jobs in October, a figure that was held down by a now-settled strike against General Motors that caused tens of thousands of workers to be temporarily counted as unemployed. The unemployment rate ticked up from 3.5% to 3.6%, still near a five-decade low. And for a second straight month, average hourly wages rose a decent if less-than-robust 3% from a year ago. All told, the October employment report from the government pointed to a still-sturdy job market that remains a key source of strength for a U.S. economy that's been weakened by trade wars

and a global slowdown. The solid jobs data will also make it even less likely that the Federal Reserve, which cut short-term interest rates this week for a third time this year, will do so again anytime soon.

The GM strike contributed to the temporary loss last month of 41,600 auto factory and likely other related jobs. But the settlement seems sure to lead to a return of those jobs in the coming months. The report revised upward job gains in the prior two months by a combined 95,000, suggesting a healthier job market than initially believed.

Another drag on hiring last month was the U.S. Census. The government let go of 20,000 temporary workers who had been helping pre-



In this Oct. 1, 2019, file photo Billy Ramos, right, fills out a job application with Adidas during a job fair at Dolphin Mall in Miami.

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pare for the 2020 survey. Job growth so far this year has averaged just 167,000 a month, down from an average of 223,000 in 2018, according to Labor Department figures. Even so, hiring remains high enough

to keep the unemployment rate from rising despite the tepid pace of economic growth. On Wednesday, the government estimated that the economy grew in the July-October quarter at a modest 1.9% annual rate.

The economy has been expanding for more than a decade, the longest period of growth on record. But the bump from the 2018 tax cuts are fading and an aging population and other demographic forces are holding back potential growth. Surveys also suggest that employers have turned cautious in large part because of heightened uncertainties caused by President Donald Trump's trade conflicts. The president has imposed tariffs on many goods imported to the U.S., and other nations have retaliated with import taxes on U.S. exports. One result is that companies, especially in manufacturing, have slowed their hiring or have stopped hiring altogether. □

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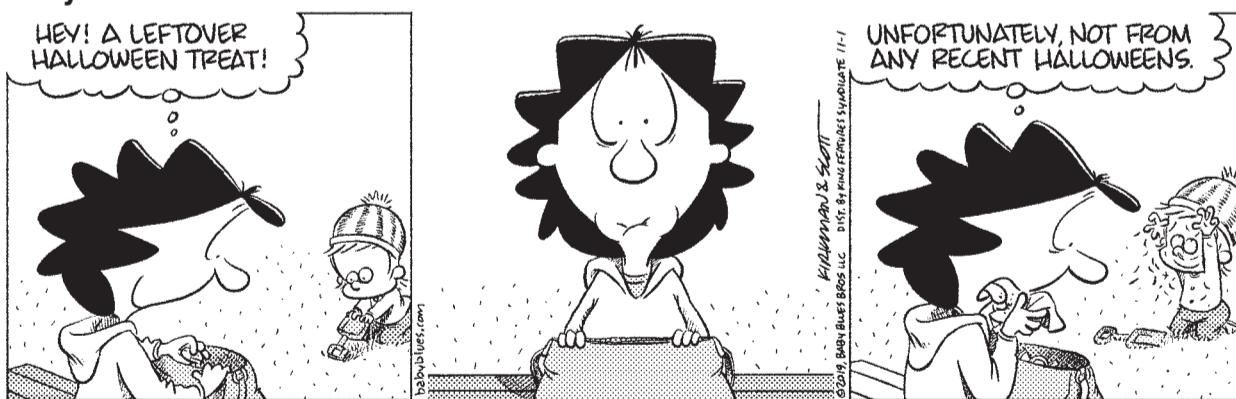
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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 - 43 Sandal features
 - 45 Take into custody
 - 46 "Any port in storm"
 - 47 Black suit
 - 48 Razor user
 - 51 Clopper
 - 52 Fluid-filled pouch
 - 55 Bearable
 - 58 Mexican friend
 - 60 Remove from office
 - 61 Keep on; watch closely
 - 62 Tier
 - 63 Experts
 - 64 Compass point
 - 65 Reason to study
 - 66 "Stupid sweater weather!"
 - 67 "Crop tops have gone south."
 - 68 "The leaves? The girls?"
 - 69 "No. No."
 - 70 "Hey! A leftover Halloween treat!"
 - 71 "You mean the pumpkin spice?"
 - 72 "Unfortunate, not from any recent Halloween."
 - 73 "The crop tops have gone south."
 - 74 "Stupid sweater weather!"
 - 75 "Trick or treat."
 - 76 "Halloween was yesterday!!!"
 - 77 "Zombies move slow."
 - 78 "Autumn champion!"
 - 79 "Step on every single crunchy leaf on the walk home!"
 - 80 "Tell me about it!"
 - 81 "Ten minutes ago, I was the chef!"
 - 82 "Next time don't dress up like a pile of leaves!"
 - 83 "I can't believe how many people set me on fire and jumped on me during Halloween!"
 - 84 "Mister big shot just got promoted to chef!"
 - 85 "Wow! That was a sudden promotion!"
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Malawi fights tsetse flies, disease after wildlife relocated

By KENNETH JALI
Associated Press

NKHOTAKOTA, Malawi (AP)

The relocation of hundreds of elephants to Malawi's largest wildlife reserve was meant to be a sign of hope and renewal in this southern African nation. Then nearby residents began falling ill.

The cause of the headaches, weakness and pain were trypanosomes, tiny parasites spread by the bite of the tsetse fly — a companion of the elephants. Trypanosomiasis, or sleeping sickness, is the result.

Local families described the toll the disease can take.

"I feel too weak," said Chionoba Njati, who was still recovering after a week in the hospital. He said he was bitten while farming near the wildlife reserve. "I cannot even carry a hoe and farm. The home is lacking food and other important things because it is my wife doing everything on her own. This is so worrying." Authorities said the Nkhota-kota wildlife reserve has seen a surge in tsetse fly numbers since around 2015 when the elephants and other game animals were reintroduced.

The local hospital said it did not have a number of sleeping sickness cases. One community resident,

Group Village Ngondo, recalled at least five deaths from the disease.

The World Health Organization says sleeping sickness is endemic in 36 countries in sub-Saharan Africa but cases have been dropping. Last year just under 1,000 cases were recorded, a new low. The majority of cases are reported in Congo.

The disease is "notoriously difficult to treat" with drugs and easier to treat when caught early, WHO says. The health agency says it is usually fatal when untreated as the parasite moves into the central nervous system and eventually can cause seizures and coma.

Dr. Janelisa Misaya, a Malawi College of Medicine principal investigator, underscored the need to control the tsetse fly population. "One tsetse can actually infect a lot of people at once," she said. "So we don't want to take chances."

Some villagers expressed concern about the reintroduction of wildlife and the enlargement of the nearby reserve.

The African Parks field operations manager for the reserve, David Robertson, acknowledged that the reintroduction of animals in 2015 led to an increase in tsetse flies. □



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3-2-1-Cookoff! Astronauts to bake cookies with new test oven

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Forget reheated, freeze-dried space grub. Astronauts are about to get a new test oven for baking chocolate chip cookies from scratch.

The next delivery of supplies for the International Space Station — scheduled for liftoff this weekend — includes the Zero G Oven. Chocolate chip cookie dough is already up there, waiting to pop into this small electric oven designed for zero gravity.

As a tantalizing incentive, sample cookies baked just this week are also launching Saturday from Virginia on Northrop Grumman's Cygnus capsule, for the six station astronauts.

The experiment explores the possibility of making freshly baked goods for space travelers. With NASA eyeing trips to the moon and Mars, homemade food takes on heightened importance. What's in orbit now are essentially food warmers.

Run by a New York couple, Zero G Kitchen aims to create a kitchen in space one appliance at a time, starting with the oven.

"You're in space. I mean, you want to have the smell of cookies," said Zero G Kitchen's Jordana Fichtenbaum, a social media specialist for hotels and restaurants. "The kitchen is really sort of the heart of the home to me, and the oven is kind of where it's at. So just to make (space) more comfortable and make it more pleasant, more delicious."

Out-of-this-world baking can also entice the public and make space exploration more relatable, according to her husband, Ian



This undated photo made available by Hilton in October 2019 shows a Zero G Kitchen Space Oven.

Fichtenbaum, who works in the space business.

Also collaborating on this first-of-its-kind space bake: Texas-based Nanoracks, which designed and built the oven and arranged the flight, and DoubleTree, which supplied the same cookie dough used by the hotel chain for welcome cookies.

"That's the beauty of this to me," Jordana Fichtenbaum said by phone earlier this week. "It's the same recipe and the same thing that you get on Earth."

Previous station crews have created their own pizzas using flatbread and warmed them in the galley. Astronauts have attempted other creative cuisine, mixing and heating chopped onions and garlic, for instance, and whipping up salads from station-grown greens. Results have been mixed.

The cookie baking will be slow going — the oven can

bake just one cookie at a time, and it could be weeks before the astronauts have time to try it out.

Five raw cookies have been in a space station freezer since the summer. Each is in its own individual

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clear silicone pouch and, according to Ian Fichtenbaum, resembles a frozen hockey puck.

The oven's maximum heat is 350 F (177 C), double the temperature of the U.S. and Russian food warmers aboard the space station. The cylindrical oven uses electric heating elements. Nanorack manager Mary Murphy anticipates a baking time of 15 to 20 minutes per cookie at about 325 F (163 C). The aroma of baking cookies should fill the lab each time a cookie comes out of the oven and is placed on an attached cooling rack, she said.

The first cookie will be the real test; it could end up looking like a blob or a mini pancake in the absence of gravity.

Three of the space-baked cookies will be returned to Earth for analysis.

"Baking doesn't always go according to plan, even on the ground," said Murphy. □

Health officials disclose another romaine outbreak, now over

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials disclosed another food poisoning outbreak linked to romaine lettuce, but they said it appears to be over. The disclosure late Thursday comes after the produce industry said it was stepping up safety measures following a series of outbreaks, including one last year that sickened more than 200 people and killed five. It's not clear why romaine keeps sickening people, but experts note the difficulty of eliminating risk posed by raw vegetables grown in open fields.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said 23 people were sickened between July 12 and Sept. 8. No deaths were reported. As with previous outbreaks, the agency said it was unable to determine how the romaine became contaminated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



This Nov. 20, 2018 file photo shows Romaine Lettuce in Simi Valley, Calif.

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said by Sept. 19 leafy greens were suspected for the cluster of E. coli illnesses, and that romaine was determined as the likely source Oct. 2. The FDA, which oversees produce safety, said its data indicated the tainted produce was no longer on shelves by the time romaine was identified as the likely culprit. It said the situation didn't warrant immediate public communication. The spring 2018 outbreak

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Ellen Burstyn talks women in film, Pacino interview, #MeToo

By JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ellen Burstyn hoped her Oscar-winning performance in the 1974 film in "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" would lead to more Hollywood stories told from a woman's perspective.

It didn't happen quickly, but over the past couple of years there's been an increase in female-driven films and women's voices in the wake of the #MeToo movement that has put a spotlight on sexual misconduct.

The 86-year old actress and long advocate for women calls the impact of the #MeToo movement "a long time coming" and says boundaries of what's acceptable creatively still need to be worked out.

Recently, Burstyn spoke with The Associated Press about changes in Hollywood, highlights of her seven-decade career, #MeToo, bad behavior and her turn as a host for the rebooted "Inside the Actor's Studio."

An episode airs Sunday in which she interviews Al Pacino.

"When we did the interview, he was - he was Al. He's a genius. He's unpredictable and deep and profound and funny and there's nobody like him," Burstyn said. Pacino had appeared on the show with host James Lipton in 2006, but Burstyn



This Sept. 28, 2019 photo shows actress Ellen Burstyn posing for a portrait in the Paul Newman Library of the Actors Studio in New York, where she serves as a co-resident of the Actor's Studio with fellow actors Al Pacino and Alec Baldwin.

says she was able to relate to him on a different wavelength.

"Jim was a very skilled interviewer," Burstyn said. "But Al and I have had the same training with the same teacher (Lee Strasberg) and almost the same number of years of career. And so, I can appreciate him in a different way. And it affected the kinds of questions I asked him."

She did leave one thing out

— the show's iconic final segment.

"You know we didn't do the 10 questions. Somehow, we just didn't get to it. It was a freewheeling kind of event, and it had its own structure, so I never got to ask him his favorite swear words," Burstyn said.

Burstyn has had roles in iconic films "The Exorcist" and "The Last Picture Show." She starred in "Requiem for a Dream," and "Resurrec-

tion." She saw the Martin Scorsese-directed "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" as a gateway to changing attitudes on how women see the world. In the movie, Burstyn played a widowed mother trying to make a new life. The movie was the basis for the TV sitcom "Alice."

"Working with Marty and being able to achieve what I wanted in a film in terms of who would direct,

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who would be cast in it and how it would be done — the intention of the film, which was to tell her story from a woman's point of view, and Marty succeeded in doing. So that was a huge change," she said.

But perhaps the biggest change she's seen lately in Hollywood has been how women are treated.

"I think there's been behavior by people in power that has long been tolerated that is now being called into question," Burstyn said. "A line like, 'when you're a star you can do anything with them you want,' is the definition of abuse of power and we should not be surprised if somebody makes a statement like that in relation to a woman that they manifested in other areas too," she said.

Dozens of entertainment industry figures — from actors to network bosses — have been accused of sexual misconduct. Most notably among them is movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, who faces a January trial in Manhattan on charges he raped a woman in a hotel room in 2013 and performed a forcible sex act on a different woman in 2006. He has pleaded not guilty and denies all allegations of nonconsensual sex. Burstyn applauds justice but thinks that sometimes the boundaries are not overly clear. □

Michael Kiwanuka's 3rd album is expressive wonder

By PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

Michael Kiwanuka, "Kiwanuka" (Interscope Records) Advice about letting your personality flourish, overcoming self-doubt, trusting your instincts and gaining the confidence to do your best work is meted out often and by many, but that's easier said than done.

While Michael Kiwanuka was struggling with similar difficulties as he recorded his excellent second album, 2016's "Love & Hate," his new effort is an extremely successful example of being able to truly express

yourself while possessing the talent in and around you for it to be more than a mere vanity exercise.

"Kiwanuka" expands and deepens the sonic palette of its predecessor, reuniting the Londoner born into a family of Ugandan refugees with producers and creative collaborators Danger Mouse and Inflo.

The three collaborators return to some of the musical touchstones of "Love & Hate" — Isaac Hayes, Terry Callier, Marvin Gaye — while often swapping the generally acoustic-based and neat sounds of that

album for denser, fuzzier and more percussive atmospheres.

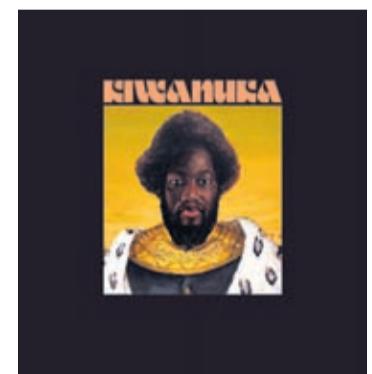
The songs usually flow into each other, simultaneously linked and separated by electronics, spoken-word fragments, vocal quilts and other assorted buffers, providing a sense of unity that also serves as a recommendation for listening to each song as part of a whole.

The opening trio of "You Ain't the Problem," "Rolling" and "I've Been Dazed" covers most of the bases — an uplifting, joyous start; a soulful guitar riff that illustrates the lyrics' urgency and the

need to keep moving; and a smoldering track that adds instruments and voices and then breaks back down as the singer both offers and seeks support and guidance.

Kiwanuka's voice is altered to sound worn and weary at the acoustic start to "Hero," but regains its youth and vigor as the track gains momentum, including an electrifying guitar solo, to focus on violent fates, societal failures and personal challenges.

"Hard to Say Goodbye" beautifully explores depths of feeling as the music



This cover image released by Interscope Records shows "Kiwanuka" by Michael Kiwanuka.

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swirls, while the hope and devotion on closer "Light" intensify as strings, an ethereal choir and another extended Kiwanuka guitar solo each add a turn to the kaleidoscope. □

A new hope for Star Wars on Disney Plus in 'The Mandalorian'

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Never heard of a Mandalorian? You're not alone. Actor Pedro Pascal hadn't either when he started talking to Jon Favreau and Dave Filoni about an ambitious new "Star Wars" series that would become a marquee offering for the Walt Disney Co.'s new streaming service, Disney Plus, which launches Nov. 12.

But Pascal, known for playing Oberyn Martell on "Game of Thrones," knew that this Mandalorian character looked a lot like Boba Fett and that was enough for him. The stoic bounty hunter behind the helmet who made his debut in "The Empire Strikes Back" became a cultish fan favorite and happened to be Pascal's preferred action figure as a kid. When he got out of the meeting

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This Oct. 19, 2019 photo shows, from left, Gina Carano, Carl Weathers and Pedro Pascal at the Disney Plus launch event promoting "The Mandalorian" at the London West Hollywood hotel in West Hollywood, Calif.

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and wanted to share the news, he could barely get the words out.

"I was like, 'They want me to be — it's not Boba Fett, but it's like, you remember. They want me to be the coolest looking thing in Star Wars, you know?'" Pascal says, channeling his energy from that day. "It was a big geeky moment."

Pascal and anyone else scratching their heads about how they might have missed this Mandalorian concept can rest easy: It's not even a word that's uttered in the original tril-

ogy. But the idea comes straight from George Lucas himself. He had envisioned a race of warrior peoples called the Mandalore that ended up getting streamlined into one character in the films — Boba Fett. "Star Wars" literature and series like "The Clone Wars" helped keep the Mandalorians alive over the years, and it re-emerged again when Disney and Lucasfilm started thinking about non-Skywalker ideas for the new streaming service where it's primed to get its biggest audience yet.

"The Lion King" and "Jungle Book" director Jon Favreau was enlisted to executive produce and write for "The Mandalorian," which is set in the franchise's Outer Rim five years after "Return of the Jedi" and 25 years before the events of "The Force Awakens." The eight episode series, which will roll out on a near-weekly basis, follows the title character in his bounty hunting adventures.

The world around him is full of seedy and mysterious characters, like Greef Carga, played by Carl Weathers, who leads a bounty hunter guild, and former soldier Cara Dune, played by Gina Carano. As with all recent Star Wars properties, details are being kept as secret as possible.

"I had to cut my finger and sign in blood that I would say nothing about it, not even say I was doing it, that I was part of it. They're very protective of Star Wars, the stories, the Mandalorian, the brand, and it makes sense," Weathers said. "We all want to protect it also." But from early footage and the nature of the bounty hunting profession. □

Grammys to honor Dr. Dre for trailblazing production work

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

Dr. Dre, who has produced hits for Eminem, Tupac, Snoop Dogg and more, will be honored by the Recording Academy for his trailblazing production work.

The Recording Academy announced Friday that its Producers & Engineers Wing will pay tribute to the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer on Jan. 22 at Village Studios in Los Angeles.

The event takes place four days before the 2020 Grammys. Dre has won six Grammys, three of which he took home as a producer or engineer. Born in Compton, he broke out on the music scene as a co-founding member of N.W.A., producing some of the group's groundbreaking 1988 debut album,



This Nov. 27, 2018 file photo shows music producer and entrepreneur Dr. Dre at a hand and footprint ceremony honoring Quincy Jones in Los Angeles.

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"Straight Outta Compton." He went on to produce his own hits and multiplatinum albums, along with crafting music for Eminem, Tupac, Snoop Dogg, Kendrick Lamar, 50 Cent, Eve, Jay-Z, Nas, Busta Rhymes, Xzibit, the Game, Anderson Paak and many more. He also found success outside of rap, producing Top 10 pop hits for Gwen Stefani, Michel'le and Mary J. Blige, helping the R&B queen top the Billboard Hot 100 chart for the first time with "Family Affair." □

Actresses cite lack of Hollywood stylists who get black hair

By GARY GERARD HAMILTON
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiffany Haddish recalls leaving the set of a big-budget movie in tears in search of someone who could properly do her hair. Lorraine Toussaint blithely recounts the times her tresses have been damaged by stylists inexperienced with managing black hair. And Tia Mowry-Hardrict recalls breaking down on set after seeing what was done to her locks. "It's mind-blowing to me that we still have to_meaning black actresses_have to fight to have black hairdressers on set for us. There was one time in particular I was doing this movie and, my God, I was the lead. And after this person did my hair, I cried. I was like 'I cannot like I cannot go out there looking like this,'" said Mowry-Hardrict, star of the Netflix sitcom, "Family Reunion." I just don't understand why you have to fight to get someone to understand the importance of that."

From Oscar winners to stars on the rise, many African American actresses have similar stories about hair struggles in Hollywood. In an industry known for its glamour and beauty, some say the lack of diversity behind the scenes has led to challenging situations for women of color.

While black hair comes in different textures, it is generally defined by its curls ranging from wavy to very tight coils. For years, racism and segregation typically dictated that black people exclusively worked on black hair. Today, that tradition remains as many non-black stylists, for the most part, have not learned how to successfully work with African American hair. Halle Berry exploded on the Hollywood scene in the early 1990s with a short, pixie hairstyle that would become her signature. Others heavily copied the style, but the Oscar-winner didn't set out to start a trend_it was a result of previous experiences with some Hollywood stylists.



This combination photo shows various hairstyles worn by actress-comedian Tiffany Haddish.

"That's why I had short hair," laughed the actress. "(Maintaining) it was easy. I think as people of color, especially in the business, we haven't always had people that know how to manage our hair. Those days are different now—that's when I started." Others say the lack of Hollywood stylists able to properly manage their hair remains a problem.

"I can relate to that 100 percent," said Sierra Capri, the 20-year-old star of "On My Block," Netflix's most-binged original show of 2018. Capri, who says she's multi-racial but identifies as black, said it's a relief when an actress finds a stylist who understands black hair. "We want to look and feel good and we want to feel our best," she said. "If we feel that we have someone that understands us and understands what we want and what we need, then we're gonna feel great and we can do what we came to do." Queen Latifah said she encountered stylists who didn't know what to do with her hair, particularly early in her career.

"It's not because their heart wasn't in the right place—they just didn't have the skillset to do black hair," said Latifah, who recently worked with Proctor & Gamble to form "The Queen

Collective" to promote racial and gender equality in filmmaking. "As African Americans we have all different shapes, sizes, colors, textures, and you got to be able to work with that. We are always in a position to be able to work with what white people do. That's just how it's been, but it has to be reversed. It has to be some respect over here and figuring out what to do with our hair. So we just really need to add more people to the industry." To work in a wide range of entertainment areas, from films to talk shows, hairstylists must be in a union. Local 706 is the union for hairstylists in Los Angeles; Local 798 is based in New York. Joining a union requires a license and experience on a production.

Local 706 doesn't keep records on the race and ethnicity of its stylists but is aware of the frustrations and is trying to find solutions. Randy Sayer, the business representative for Local 706, hopes that changes in the industry do take place. Sayer says the union has no control over which stylists are hired for a production, that decision belongs to producers, studios and other employers. "I agree with every woman of color or every actor who

says 'we need more.' I want to be the person who's helping us achieve that." Legendary hairstylist Robert Stevenson, who was honored by 706 last year with a lifetime achievement award, says it's hard for anyone to join the union, regardless of ethnicity: "It's no joke."

The Emmy-winner began his career in the 1960s when he says the government forced Hollywood to hire people of color for all entertainment unions. He was the first black male hairstylist the union accepted.

Stevenson, who's styled stars like Angela Bassett, Viola Davis, Samuel L. Jackson and Eddie Murphy, said with more opportunities for black actors, unions are playing catch up.

"When I came in, we didn't have many black actresses. I mean, Pam Grier was like one of the biggest stars," Stevenson said. "But now it's changed so much. There's so many more black actresses. And the few black hairstylists that are in (the union) are working, so (the actresses) can't seem to get who they want. But Viola Davis can get whatever she wants."

And while it's true that the Oscar, Tony and Emmy award winner may be able to get whoever she

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wants, Davis has been vocal about her past hair chronicles. As recently as May, she said she would no longer work with stylists who don't respect the craft of styling black hair. It's deeper than "just someone not being able to do your hair," said DeWanda Wise, who starred in Netflix's "She's Gotta Have It" and is currently in post-production for Sony's comedy-drama "Fatherhood," along with Kevin Hart. "It's people touching this texture with a certain level of trepidation and disgust."

Andrea Pezzillo, a celebrity stylist who has groomed a wide range of clients such as Jhene Aiko, Chanel Iman, Jeff Bridges and Omari Hardwick, understands why many black actresses are wary of white hair stylists.

"I always say this: it could take five years to grow your hair, and it could take one flat iron to break it all off," said the Los Angeles-based Pezzillo, who is white.

Pezzillo says she began styling women of color after attending beauty school and becoming close with an Eritrean classmate. They'd often braid and explore each other's hair, and eventually, a black instructor took Pezzillo under her wing. □



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